



The University of Manchester



School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities  
Course Unit Descriptor

23.02.2016

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Credit Rating	20
Course Unit Title	<b>Preaching the Prophets</b>
Unit Code	8116
Unit Level	1
Contact Hours	n/a
FHEQ Level	4
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Hetty Lalleman
ECTS	10

**EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW**

The unit is designed around the theme of the Word of the Lord in the Old Testament and its relevance for today. It includes sections on:

- the nature of the prophetic literature and of prophecy;
- a survey of the prophetic literature;
- the message of the prophets;
- hermeneutical issues involved in preaching the prophets;
- the application of prophetic themes to the contemporary context.

**COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW**

The unit is designed around the theme of the Word of the Lord in the Old Testament and its relevance for today. It includes sections on:

- the nature of the prophetic literature and of prophecy;
- a survey of the prophetic literature;
- the message of the prophets;
- hermeneutical issues involved in preaching the prophets;
- the application of prophetic themes to the contemporary context.

**AIMS**

To enable students to understand the nature of Old Testament prophecy and to encourage them to preach from a variety of prophetic passages with integrity and relevance.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**Knowledge and Understanding**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Describe and analyse the prophetic literature of the Old Testament
- Describe and evaluate the message of individual prophetic books

## Intellectual Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Show awareness of issues concerning the nature of prophecy
- Discuss hermeneutical issues involved in preaching the prophetic literature in the contemporary world

## Practical Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Use different types of prophetic passages in preaching
- Help others to read and apply the prophetic literature

## Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Assess other people's views on written texts
- Structure and communicate their ideas effectively orally and in writing

## Employability Skills

Students will consolidate their ability to engage positively with a range of views and to organize and present their own ideas with confidence both orally and in writing. These skills are important in a range of employment contexts.

## SYLLABUS

- Introductory unit
- Part I: Understanding prophecy
- Part II: Preaching the message of the prophets
- Part III: Special studies on preaching good news in the prophets
- Concluding unit

## TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Distance learning

Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

## ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A short essay</li></ul>	750-1000 words	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An essay</li><li>• An essay based on a sermon</li><li>• A learning journal*</li></ul>	2000 words 2000 words	50% 50% Pass/fail*

\* Distance learning students are required to pass this element. So long as this element has been passed, they will be eligible for compensation if the overall unit mark is within the compensation zone (30-39%), and the compensatable credit allowance as set out in the Degree Regulations has not been exceeded.

## FEEDBACK METHODS

Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days

## REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

## RECOMMENDED READING

Achtemeier, Elizabeth, <i>Preaching from the Old Testament</i> (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1989)
Bullock, C. Hassell. <i>An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books</i> , rev. edn Chicago: Moody, 2007)
Collins, Terence, <i>The Mantle of Elijah</i> (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993)
Goldingay, John, <i>God's Prophet, God's Servant</i> (Exeter: Paternoster, 1984)
Kent, Grenville J.R., Paul J. Kissling and Laurence A. Turner (eds), <i>'He Began with Moses...': Preaching the Old Testament Today</i> (Nottingham: IVP, 2010)
McCurley, F.R., <i>Wrestling with the Word</i> (Valley Forge: Trinity Press, 1996)
Rofé, A., <i>Introduction to the Prophetic Literature</i> (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997)
Seitz, Christopher R., <i>Prophecy and Hermeneutics: Toward a New Introduction to the Prophets</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007)
Selman, Martin J., <i>Preaching the Prophets: a Practical Guide to Preaching and Studying the Old Testament Prophets</i> (London: Spurgeon's College, 2006)

## SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

n/a
-----

## PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a
-----

## INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

200 hours
-----------

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

--

## APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	