DESCRIPTION: This course explores the significance of major figures in the Bible by concentrating on the historical, literary and theological richness of each.

FORMAT: Each of these figures and the stories about them in the Bible will be treated from three different perspectives (history, literature, theology) by the three professors teaching this course. Students will rotate among the professors. Then the entire class will gather for a fourth, plenary session on each figure, which will explore the further development of each character in art, culture, and religion.

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Attendance is required and will be taken daily. More than three unexcused absences will adversely affect the final grade.
2. Reading the assigned material before each class.
3. Participation in the form of attentiveness to and active involvement in discussion.
4. Papers - Each student will write three three-page papers due on the dates indicated in the calendar below. A different professor will read and grade each paper. Topics and details will be discussed early in the semester.
5. Exams - Three exams, each covering one-third of the course.

GRADES:
Attendance, reading, quizzes, and participation - 10%
Papers - 10% each (X 3 = 30%)
Exams - 20% each (X 3 = 60%)

GROUPS: Classes will consist of discussion groups and plenary sessions. Discussion groups will meet in the rooms assigned on the course listing. Students who meet with Prof. Kaltner on the first day are designated Group K below. Those who meet with Prof. McKenzie and Group M, and those with Prof. Walsh are Group W.

Plenary sessions (including review sessions) will be in the Orgill room unless otherwise designated.

CALENDAR:
1/13 Introduction to the course

ABRAHAM
(Read: Genesis 12-26)
1/15 Group K - History (Kaltner), Group W - Literature (Walsh), Group M - Theology (McKenzie) Quiz on Genesis 12-26
1/20 Group K - Literature (Walsh), Group W - Theology (McKenzie), Group M - History (Kaltner)
1/22 Group K - Theology (McKenzie) Group W - History (Kaltner), Group M - Literature (Walsh)
1/25 Plenary session on Abraham
Discuss papers

MOSES
(Read: Exodus 1-14; 17; 32)
1/27 Group K - History (Walsh), Group W - Literature (McKenzie), Group M - Theology (Kaltner) Quiz on Exodus 1-14; 17; 32
1/29 Group K - Literature (McKenzie), Group W - Theology (Kaltner), Group M - History (Walsh)
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**DAVID**

(Read: 1 Samuel 16—2 Samuel 4; 2 Samuel 7; 11-19)

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**JEREMIAH**

(Read: Jeremiah 1, 7, 11-20, 26-27, 31, 36)
ESTHER
(Read the book of Esther [NOAB, pp. 612-622])

3/1 Group K - History (Walsh), Group W - Literature (McKenzie), Group M – Theology (Kaltner)
Quiz on the book of Esther

3/3 Group K - Literature (McKenzie), Group W - Theology (Kaltner), Group M – History (Walsh)

3/5 Group K - Theology (Kaltner), Group W - History (Walsh), Group M - Literature (McKenzie)

3/8-3/12 Spring recess

3/15 Plenary session on Esther
Second paper due

JOB
(Read: Job 1-12, 38-42)

3/17 Group K - History (McKenzie), Group W - Literature (Kaltner), Group M – Theology (Walsh)
Quiz on Job 1-12; 38-42

3/19 Group K - Literature (Kaltner), Group W - Theology (Walsh), Group M - History (McKenzie)

3/22 Group K - Theology (Walsh), Group W - History (McKenzie), Group M - Literature (Kaltner)

3/24 Plenary session on Job

3/26 Review session
3/29 Second exam

RUTH
(The book of Ruth)

3/31 Group K – History (McKenzie), Group W – Literature (Walsh), Group M – Theology (Kaltner)
Quiz on the book of Ruth

4/2 Easter recess
4/5 Group K – Literature (Walsh), Group W – Theology (Kaltner), Group M – History (McKenzie)

4/7 Group K – Theology (Kaltner), Group W – History (McKenzie), Group M – Literature (Walsh)

4/9 Plenary session on Ruth

PETER
(Matt. 16:13-20; 27:57-75; John 20-21; Acts 2-4; 10-15)

4/12 Group K – History (Kaltner), Group W – Literature (McKenzie), Group M – Theology (Walsh)
Quiz on Matt. 16:13-20; 27:57-75; John 20-21; Acts 2-4; 10-15
4/14 Group K – Literature (McKenzie), Group W – Theology (Walsh), Group M – History (Kaltner)
4/16 Group K – Theology (Walsh), Group W – History (Kaltner), Group M – Literature (McKenzie)
4/19 Plenary session on Peter
Third paper due

UNSUNG HEROES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
(Luke 7:36-8:3; John 20:1-18; Acts 12:1-17; 16; 18; Romans 16; 1 Cor. 7; 11; 14:26-36)

4/21 Group K – History (McKenzie), Group W – Literature (Walsh), Group M – Theology (Kaltner)
Quiz on Luke 7:36-8:3; John 20:1-18; Acts 1 Cor. 7; 11; 14:26-36
4/23 Group K – Literature (Walsh), Group W – Theology (Kaltner), Group M – History (McKenzie)
4/26 Group K – Theology (Kaltner), Group W – History (McKenzie), Group M – Literature (Walsh)
4/28 Plenary on unsung heroes in Blount Auditorium
4/30 Course review

FINAL EXAM: