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The following course descriptions were accidentally left out of the 2005 Catalogue Supplement:

**OT 205 The Psalms**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, and 3 or equivalent  
An exegetical study of the English text of the Psalms with an introduction to modern hermeneutical and theological approaches to Psalm study. Special attention will be paid to the various contexts in which the Psalms are understood: their use and re-use in Israel’s worship, at Qumran, in the New Testament, and in the contemporary church. (Not offered 2005-06) Dr. Cook.

**OT 206 Second Isaiah and God’s Ineffable Holiness**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, and 3 or equivalent  
An exploration of Isaiah 40-66 as priestly, temple literature, expert at the Holy and its coming dawn on earth. Second Isaiah knows the priestly themes to highlight and the temple texts to quote for a sage communion with the inexpressible, the utterly mysterious. To study this material is to rediscover the overwhelming, absolute worth of God. (In English). (Not offered 2005-06) Dr. Cook.

**OT 216 Mayhem, Monsters, and the Messiah: Apocalypticism**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, and 3 or equivalent  
A study of the nature and origins of apocalypticism and of its current relevance in society and the church. Selected texts from both Testaments, the Pseudepigrapha, and the Dead Sea Scrolls will be engaged in English translation. (Not offered 2005-06) Dr. Cook.

**OT 217 Book of Isaiah for Christian Ministry**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, and 3 or equivalent  
An examination of the Book of Isaiah as a whole, its canonical shape, and its relevance for ministry. The course includes in-depth study of selected passages of Isaiah, with attention to their poetry, form, theological tradition, and original social settings. (Not offered 2005-06) Dr. Cook.

**OT 218 Ezekiel**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, and 3 or equivalent  
Interpretation, based on the English text, of Ezekiel’s revelations about the awesome mysteries of the divine reality. The course includes close exegetical analysis of several extraordinary texts (including Ezekiel’s visions of the fantastic wheels and the valley full of dry bones), as well as discussion of both ancient religious issues and modern theological topics raised by the study of the prophecy. (Spring semester 2006) Dr. Cook.

**OT 222 Midrash**  
This course will introduce the genre of rabbinic interpretation called Midrash. Included will be historical and methodological background, readings (in translation) of original Hebrew and Aramaic examples, and experience in developing “Modern Midrash.” Hebrew background is not necessary, but will enhance appreciation of the texts. (Spring semester 2006) Rabbi Moline.

**OT 227 Genesis 1-11, In the Beginning**  
Prerequisite: OT 1, 2, & 3 or equivalent.  
The first eleven chapters of Genesis, (the primordial history), are of mythic proportion and rich with theological meaning. Other than the stories of creation and the fall, these texts are received by some communities of faith with ambivalence because they are seen as difficult, unhistorical and peripheral to the rest of the narratives in the Pentateuch. This English exegesis course will focus on the content and literary style of the primordial history with an eye towards the theological themes and thematic links between these early units and the material that follows. To that end, we will read classic Genesis commentaries along with more contemporary voices. (Spring semester 2006) Dr. Fentress-Williams.