

BI 328W Women in the Hebrew Bible: Intersectional Perspectives (Fall 2024)

Final Year Advanced Bible- HB Requirement

Three Credits

Grade or Credit/No Credit

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Women in the Hebrew Bible: Intersectional Perspectives is an advanced level course designed to explore the role of women in the Hebrew Bible in its socio-political, economic, and religious contexts. It aims to cultivate an interest in students to view the role and contribution of female characters in shaping Biblical faith and embrace them as role models in fostering our faith. Students will be introduced to various intersectional reading strategies that will equip them to engage the Bible from diverse marginal positionalities for pluralistic ministerial contexts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to acquire knowledge and develop skills in the following

- Familiarize with various intersectional reading strategies that include feminist, womanist, queer approaches, and the like
- lead Bible studies from various perspectives
- be able to identify the various roles of women as wives, concubines, mothers, daughters, sisters, queens, prophets, leaders, wise women, etc.
- learn the socio-political, historical, and geographical factors highlighting or obscuring women's contributions

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This course is a combination of lectures typically in the style of Bible studies, and student presentations. Each session consists of a lecture/facilitating conversation with creative components that include debate, student led discussions, and an active student participation. The Bible study format and creative components require that all students complete all assigned readings prior to the class and be willing to lead small group discussions occasionally.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Bach, Alice, ed. *Women in the Hebrew Bible: A Reader*. London: Taylor & Francis Group, 1998.

Weems, Renita J. *Just a Sister Away: A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible*. San Diego, Calif.: LuraMedia, 1988.