



**Nipawin Bible College**  
**BI4023 Minor Prophets (Jr./Sr. year)**  
**Fall 2022**  
**3 Credit Hours**  
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## ***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

The time has arrived! Now is the day when we open God's Word and study that most neglected section of the Bible, the Minor Prophets. These twelve books that are so often quoted in the New Testament need to be investigated as we strive to better learn how to worship our Lord. God repeatedly called His people back from the edge of destruction, but they chose not to listen. Destruction would be their reward, yet a remnant would survive, and out of that remnant a way to right relationship with God.

These twelve books will be studied as a unified whole throughout this semester - one central message given to God's people for their good and God's glory.

## ***COURSE TEXTBOOKS***

Fuhr, Richard Alan Jr., and Gary Yates. *The Message of the Twelve: Hearing the Voice of the Minor Prophets*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing, 2016.

The Bible (a translation, not a paraphrase). Suggested translations are HCSB, CSB, ESV, NIV, NKJV, NLT, NASB...

## ***COURSE OBJECTIVES***

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Understand the purpose of the Minor Prophets in the Word of God.
2. Be equipped to learn and teach from the Minor Prophets in a personal or corporate church setting.
3. Apply the teachings of the Minor Prophets to their own life and circumstances for their edification and God's glory.
4. See the individual books of the twelve Minor Prophets as a unified whole with a common goal and divine purpose.

## ***COURSE ASSIGNMENTS***

### **Neo Response Posts - 20%**

- Each student will be responsible to answer 4 discussion questions on Neo LMS throughout the semester. Each discussion question will be posted on Neo under the assignments tab. Each student will be responsible to make a minimum 400-word

thesis response to the question posted. The student will combine logic, reason, the Bible, and any other academic source to support their position. This first post will have two properly cited non-biblical sources supporting their thesis.

- The student will then respond the next week to one other student's post with a reply. This reply will either support the original author's thesis or respectfully disagree with their thesis. This new post will be supported by logic, reason, the Bible, and at least one extra-biblical source (250-word minimum with each reply).
- The Neo Response Posts measure how well the student meets course objective 2.

***DUE: See Course Schedule***

### **Quiz - 20%**

- The student will demonstrate their understanding of the assigned text through a quiz that will be given at the beginning of each class starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The quiz will be taken out of the assigned textbook only (*The Message of the Twelve: Hearing the Voice of the Minor Prophets*) and will be based upon the major concepts found throughout the assigned reading. This quiz will be primarily true/false and multiple choice in nature but may contain other testing tools. Each quiz will ask a personal question regarding the assigned text and how it applies to their life.
- The quiz measures how well the student meets course objectives 1, 3, & 4.

***DUE: See Course Schedule***

### **Exams - 40%**

- There will be a first-half exam (20%) and a non-cumulative second-half exam (20%). The exams will cover in-class material, not Fuhr and Yates. Both exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions. The exam will not cover dates unless the professor specifically says to remember a particular date. The student will have 1.5 hours to write the exam.
- The Exams measure how well the student meets course objective 1, 2, & 4.

***First-Half Exam Due: November 2 , 2022***  
***Second-Half Exam Due: Exam Week***

### **Cumulative Paper - part 1 worth 5%, part 2 worth 5%, part 3 worth 10% (20% total)**

- The student will write a cumulative paper with three main sections. The paper will have three due dates with each section being due at a different time. The student will be responsible to complete each required section on the due date listed. This

paper is focused on the historical and religious settings among God's people during the three main time periods that the Minor Prophets were written. Look for major themes and how the cultural, political, and religious underpinnings of society prompted the message of the prophets.

- Each section will be 3-4 pages in length, and it will revolve around a thesis that supports the student's findings. Each section will have a minimum of three unique sources. The finished paper will require 9 unique sources total. It will include three main headings:
  - Cultural/Political Conditions
  - Religious Conditions
  - Major Areas of Brokenness
- First Period (785 - 681 B.C.E. – Assyrian Period), 3-4 Pages, worth 5%

***DUE: October 12, 2022***

- Second Period (681 - 586 B.C.E. – Babylonian Period), 3-4 Pages, worth 5%

***DUE: November 16, 2022***

- Third Period (586 - 400 – Persian Post Exile Period), 3-4 Pages, worth 10%

The third period paper will be submitted with an introduction and a conclusion on November 30, and it should flow from one section to another. Please include in the conclusion how the in-depth study of the three different time periods will influence their future reading of the Bible, their personal life, and current or potential ministry.

***DUE: November 30, 2022 (Final Paper length = 9-12 pages)***

- The Cumulative Paper measures how well the students meet course objectives 1-4.

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. **(See NBC Sample Paper - 2022.)** Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the date assigned.

#### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

#### **LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

**Reading: 325 pages**  
**Writing: 12-14 pages**

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT	ASSIGNMENT DUE
<i>September 21</i>	Introduction Syllabus Religious, Cultural, & Political backgrounds		
<i>September 28</i>	The Book of the Twelve	Fuhr & Yates p. 1-58 (Ch 1-4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 1</li> <li>• Neo Post 1</li> </ul>
<i>October 5</i>	Hosea	Fuhr & Yates p. 59 – 88 (Ch 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 2</li> <li>• Neo Reply 1</li> </ul>
<i>October 12</i>	Joel & Amos	Fuhr & Yates p. 89 – 146 (Ch 6 & 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 3</li> <li>• Neo Post 2</li> <li>• Cumulative Paper Period 1</li> </ul>
<i>October 26</i>	Obadiah & Jonah	Fuhr & Yates p. 147 – 182 (Ch 8 – 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 4</li> <li>• Neo Reply 2</li> </ul>
<i>November 2</i>	Micah & Nahum	Fuhr & Yates p. 183 – 222 (Ch 10-11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam 1</li> </ul>
<i>November 16</i>	Habakkuk & Zephaniah	Fuhr & Yates p. 223 – 252 (Ch 12-13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 5</li> <li>• Neo Post 3</li> <li>• Cumulative Paper Period 2</li> </ul>
<i>November 23</i>	Haggai	Fuhr & Yates p. 253 – 268 (Ch 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 6</li> <li>• Neo Reply 3</li> </ul>
<i>November 30</i>	Zachariah	Fuhr & Yates p. 269 – 302 (Ch 15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 7</li> <li>• Neo Post 4</li> <li>• Cumulative Paper Period 3 and Final Draft</li> </ul>
<i>December 7</i>	Malachi	Fuhr & Yates p. 303 – 326 (Ch 16 + Conclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 8</li> <li>• Neo Reply 4</li> </ul>
<i>December 14-16</i> (Exam Week)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam 2</li> </ul>