

Fall 2020 Course Description

Instructor: Bedford Clark

Course: ENGL 365/RELS 360

Title: Bible as Literature

Description: The study of the Bible as “literature” is but one of many ways of coming at a sacred text. This course does not aim at doctrinal certainty. Rather it promotes the recovery of what might be called biblical “literacy.” Thoughtful men and women have long noted a tendency toward cultural amnesia in the modern world. The present course seeks to counter that trend through a process of interpretative restoration. Historical and textual questions are important and will be frequently addressed, but our primary goal is the study of biblical resources that have enriched humanity’s worldwide heritage in the past, maintained their relevance in the present, and offer creative possibilities for the future.

Proposed Readings: