
Unit Code	HST155
Unit Title	Archaeology and the Early History of Israel
Provider	Macquarie University
Unit Type	UGRD
Level of Study	Undergraduate Level 1
EFTSL	0.125
Delivery Method	Fully Online

Unit Overview **PLEASE NOTE:** This unit is no longer offered in SP4, 2012.

Delve into the traditions, myths and history of early Israel, a land situated in the bridge between the great empires of Egypt, Assyria and Babylon. Explore what the Bible has to say about these ancient peoples and the light that can be shed on it by both archaeological evidence and modern critical study. Learn how the Hebrews interpreted their present by a re-narration of their past and how they came to situate and differentiate themselves theologically from the peoples that surrounded them. Developing your skills in a close reading and critical analysis of the text, you will be studying early Israel and Judah from the foundation of the nation through the period of the monarchy, to the catastrophic events of the early sixth century BCE.

Topics

1. Abraham to Joseph
2. Moses
3. Joshua
4. Judges
5. Samuel and Saul (1025-1005 BCE)
6. David (1005-970 BCE)
7. Solomon (970-931 BCE) and the Divided Kingdoms (931-884 BCE)
8. Omride Dynasty (884-842 BCE)
9. Jehu Dynasty (842-747 BCE)
10. Assyria and the End of Israel (747-722 BCE)
11. Judah from Ahaz to Amon (743-640 BCE)
12. Josiah to the Fall of Judah (639-586 BCE)
13. The Book of the Law

Learning Outcomes At the completion of this unit students will have:

1. the capacity for independent thought and judgment
2. advanced communications skills, including the ability to present sustained, cogent and persuasive arguments
3. analytical ability, and the capacity to evaluate and solve problems
4. a capacity to analyse and critically examine a range of discourse types
5. the ability to absorb the intellectual and imaginative concepts of others, and to communicate the resultant synthesis
6. the ability to work cooperatively with others through the presentation of ideas and negotiation of solutions, and to respect others' reasoned views
7. the ability to understand, interrogate and apply a variety of theoretical positions and weigh the importance of alternative perspectives
8. a critical understanding of a culture and practices other than one's own
9. developed of intercultural awareness and an appropriate outlook for working in multicultural environments
10. library and bibliographic research skills.

Assessment

- Essay 1 (30%)
- Essay 2 (30%)
- Tutorial Paper - 5 x short papers @ 8% each (40%)

Textbooks

Recommended

- **The Bible Unearthed** (Print), Finkelstein Israel, ISBN: 9780684869131
- **Holy Bible** (Print), Z, ISBN: 9780007242863
- **History of Ancient Israel and Judah** (Print), Miller J.Maxwell, ISBN: 9780334041177
- **A Biblical History of Israel** (Print), Provan Iain, ISBN: 9780664220907

Prerequisites

Special Requirements

- Broadband access