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Comprehensive Report for OLD TESTAMENT-HEBREW BIBLE (H) (REL-101-A FA2315) - Low, Katherine - 2023FA15 (11/17 - 12/1)

| Section I | Question | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Mean | StDev |
|-----------|---|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------|-------|
| | 1. The course goals and expectations were effectively communicated. (17 Responses) | 13 / 76.47% | 4 / 23.53% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.76 | 0.44 |
| | 2. The instructor was available and approachable in a way that enhanced my learning. (17 Responses) | 13 / 76.47% | 4 / 23.53% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.76 | 0.44 |
| | 3. The course challenged me to think critically and grow as a learner. (17 Responses) | 13 / 76.47% | 4 / 23.53% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.76 | 0.44 |
| | 4. The course materials and technologies aided my learning. (17 Responses) | 14 / 82.35% | 3 / 17.65% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.82 | 0.39 |
| | 5. The course assignments and activities were relevant to the course goals. (17 Responses) | 13 / 76.47% | 4 / 23.53% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.76 | 0.44 |
| | 6. The instructor provided feedback that enhanced my learning. (17 Responses) | 13 / 76.47% | 4 / 23.53% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.76 | 0.44 |
| | 7. The learning environment was respectful and supportive. (17 Responses) | 12 / 70.59% | 5 / 29.41% | 0 / 0.00% | 0 / 0.00% | 3.71 | 0.47 |

Add comments below:

8. What are the strengths of the course?

- I truly enjoyed taking this class with Dr.Low. She is VERY passionate and her love for her subject flowed into many of her students. She read the Bible in a way I never had and made it fun. I thoroughly enjoyed all the assignments that she gave in her class, even the tests.
- Incredibly captivating lectures, very understandable. Coursework is challenging yet useful.
- The teacher makes you think and makes you see things from a different point of view. You get more understanding because you have to think of things differently. This is good because you are seeing it not just from where you stand.
- The topic and the way she explain
- the way this course is chronological order help follow stories and meaning easily.
- Everything that we needed to know was accesible through our textbook and the Bible Odyssey website. The way Professor Low broke down information was easy to understand and fun.
- This course encourages students to engage in critical thinking by consulting primary source material which sometimes contradict modern mainstream religious narratives. Unlike most of the lower-level history courses I've taken, this course forced me to recognize that these texts, viewed as holy by many, were written by actual human beings whose choices reflect the sociohistorical context of when they were written. I think that this course's material serves as an excellent introduction to the hermeneutic cycle for students who might not have previously learned how to read critically and properly cite their sources. Also, I always try to praise teachers who are enthusiastic about their subject matter since the energy that they bring to the classroom is critical for student engagement. This instructor is clearly passionate about their field of study and happy to discuss student questions and alternative interpretations of the course's subject matter.
- Having additional material available before exams was very helpful.
- prof is passionate
- for those who want to study the Hebrew bible this is the class for you as this class allows us and others to finally dig into the history of the bible
- I loved how the organization was laid out. How we went through NOAB worked for me and going through it theme wise would have me confused alot more
- The layout of the course is great. It provides not only historical context but moves through the text in a way that makes total sense. The assignments are all beneficial and line up with the course perfectly. Dr. Low is also a great professor.
- Organization, having the class dependent on us having read the material
- The course material was easy to understand, and the assignments helped me better understand what was being taught.

9. What are your suggestions for improving this course?

- I am struggling to think of one, but if I had to choose something I would maybe suggest adding one assignment. I know that at the end of the semester, we are anxious about exams, but I think assigning a paper two weeks before the exam would be doable. I think it would be fun to have all students have a free write assignment where they choose anything we have learned and portray it in any way they want (art, paper, video, etc.).
- I have no notes.
- I don't have any.
- Maybe speaking little bit slower but its great
- i have nothing course was made great
- I suggest putting notes on powerpoint slides which is personally helpful to those like me who need more organized content.
- I liked that the teacher drew from more contemporary presentations of Biblical stories to show how different people interpret the same narrative. I really would have enjoyed more discussion of how these enduring ideas are reframed in modern-day contexts, but I understand that that these subjects would take too much time to properly address and could prove contentious in a classroom environment. Apart from maybe including some optional extra-credit discussion boards which students can engage with online, I think that the overall course was managed quite well.
- It would have helped if the professor did not jump around a lot when reading the Bible. It was easy to get lost.
- slow down a bit
- nothing really
- Better spacing of course material will be covered throughout the semester. It felt that we spent a lot of time over a couple of chapters in the beginning of the semester and then rushed to cover other chapters towards the end of the semester.

10. Additional comments regarding any of the above statements (1-7) or any other feedback that you would like to provide.

- Taylor G.
- I really liked this class
- Give the instructor a raise so MBU doesn't lose them to another institution lol
- I believe the professor should continue to go in chronological order when assigning readings for the class.
- I enjoyed the structure of the course and don't think it should change. This was probably my favorite class this semester! :)
- Dr.Low is an amazing professor. She is engaging and excited with sharing her course material. This has been one of my favorite classes I have taken at my time at MBU and I attribute that to Dr.Low as the instructor.

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