
ANEA 510

Archaeology & the Bible

Spring 2025

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SYNOPSIS OF THE COURSE

CLASS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Class location:

Class meeting times: Feb 16-20, 2025
Sunday: 5:00p-8:00p
Mon. Thurs. 8 a.m. 12:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. 5:30p.m.

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Office hours: By Appointment

The assembling of archaeological and ancient textual material which, interpreted from the philosophical viewpoint of the Bible, emphasizes the accuracy and authenticity of the Scripture. A



The following **Course Learning Outcomes** contribute to the overall Program Learning Outcomes by identifying the key learnings to be achieved by diligent work in this course:

To understand and explain the archaeological backgrounds of biblical persons, events, customs, and places.

To understand and explain how archaeology interacts with the Bible and how it continues to illuminate our understanding of the Written Word.

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US Credit-Hour Regulations

For every semester credit, the Andrews University credit hour definition requires that:
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Class Attendance

Students are required to be physically present on every class period of the course. Attendance is required because much of the learning process takes place in the classroom (see, Seminary Bulletin). Absence, tardiness, and non-participation in class discussions will negatively reflect on final grade. Active and positive class participation will enhance your academic success.

Passing Grades


Students must have 65% of all class assignments to pass the course.

Submission of Assignments

Reading report due April 15, 2025.

Late Submission

Late submission is not possible.



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APPENDIX 1: INTERPRETING LETTER GRADES

APPENDIX 2: PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

MASTERS PROGRAMS

1. MA in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM)

- 1) Deliver effective biblically-based sermons
- 2) Demonstrate proper biblical interpretation skills
- 3) Understand the historical-theological development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 4) Exhibit capability for training church members for evangelism
- 5) Demonstrate an understanding of how to empower church members for leadership
- 6) Exhibit capability for reaching specific social groups

2. Master of Divinity (MDiv)

- 1) (Character) Models spiritual humility, maturity and integrity grounded in a living experience with God in joyful assurance of His salvation, nurtured by the sanctifying presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) (Scholarship) Manifests the practices of a Biblical scholar-theologian engaging the Bible, Christian/Adventist heritage and professional resources with theological maturity for personal growth and for facilitating the theological competence of others.
- 3) (Discipleship & Evangelism) Demonstrates personal commitment, passion and essential skills for discipleship and evangelism, while equipping members to carry out ministry within the scope of the local and global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- 4) (Leadership) Exercises creative and visionary leadership

APPENDIX 4: BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECOMMENDED BOOKS & RESOURCES

List of books and journal articles from which the materials/information for the class were drawn:

- Aharoni, Y.
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- Aling, C.
1981 *Egypt and Bible History*. Grand Rapids: Baker.
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- Burrows, M.
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- Campbell, E. F., and Freedman, D. N., eds.
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- Thompson, J. A.
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1966 *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
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<http://libguides.andrews.edu/religion> .