

CUMMINS MEMORIAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

COURSE OFFERINGS SPRING 2026

Course	Instructor	Day	Time
OT 731 Old Testament Book Study—Exodus	Dr. Echols	Mon	5:30-8:10 p.m.
BIB 500 Introduction to the Old Testament	TBA	Tues	5:30-8:10 p.m.
CH 503 The Apostolic Fathers	Dr. Panagiotou	Thur	5:30-8:10 p.m.

Course Descriptions

BIB 500 Introduction to the Old Testament: This course provides a fundamental overview of the Bible, covering its origins, original languages, and translation process. Students will examine the development of the biblical canon and the ideas of inspiration and inerrancy. The curriculum highlights the structure and themes of the Old Testament, focusing on what makes the Bible unique among religious texts. This course is designed for those looking for a comprehensive introduction to the Old Testament. ***This course is required for all students.***

OT 731 Old Testament Book Study—Exodus: This course studies the book of Exodus to discover the structure, historical background, theme, relationship to the plan of redemption, the Bible as a whole, and practical application and meaning for today.

CH 503 The Apostolic Fathers: This course explores the writings of Christian theologians and leaders from the 1st and 2nd centuries after Christ and His Apostles. Students examine their historical contexts, backgrounds, and writings. The course emphasizes their intellectual and spiritual contributions and their significance to the modern Christian Church. Focus is on the lives and writings of Ignatius of Antioch, Clement of Rome, and Polycarp of Smyrna. Students study the Didache, which, next to the New Testament, is the oldest known Christian manual of church life. If time allows, we will also review the Epistle of Diognetus, the Epistle of Barnabas, and the Shepherd of Hermas. This course exclusively focuses on orthodox Christian theological writers and excludes the many Gnostic heretical texts that circulated during the same period.