Course Description
This course provides an overview of the history and message of the Old Testament prophetic books for the purpose of preaching. Beginning with an overview of Prophetic Literature, we will examine the prophetic writings, focusing on hermeneutical and exegetical matters. In addition, we will seek to show how these books and their message are vital for the contemporary church. As ministers, preaching from these books remains indispensable for the church’s wellbeing, but how are we to preach and teach them? The objective of this course is to answer this essential question, and expand our understanding of what the books reveal and how they are to be used.

Course Assignments
(1) Read the following books and write a 1-2 page interaction report for each book. Your interaction report may take the form of a paragraph summary of the reading; an outline of the contents; questions for interaction; or, all the above. The goal of these reports is to facilitate your engagement of the reading; and to prepare you to benefit from in-class activities and to participate effectively in class discussions and lectures.

These reports are due at the beginning of class, Monday, July 6. 20% of your final grade (5% each).


(2) Submit a statement indicating how much of the pre-course reading that you completed. This statement is due at the beginning of class, Monday, July 6. 10% of your final grade.

***Ideally you will complete all your reading before July 6. If you are unable to do so, please remember that 10% of your final grade will be based upon the amount of your reading completed; and that you will still need to submit 1-2 page reports of each book on July 6 for 10% of your grade.***
(3) Regular attendance for the entirety of all required class meetings. **10% of your final grade.**

(4) Participation in all in-class discussions and activities. **10% of your final grade.**

(5) Prepare a 20-25 integration paper. **50% of your final grade.** Due Saturday, October 31, 5 P.M. Assignments should be emailed to the professor (mmckelvey@rts.edu) and to the Jackson D.Min. department (mwestbrook@rts.edu). The paper should be written with respect to your ministry in the church.

**Grading Scale**
The grading scale for this course is the seminary’s grading scale. You may find it listed at the RTS Catalog, p.44.

**Plagiarism**
Please review the seminary’s policy on plagiarism. Plagiarized work will subject the student to failure in the course and possible disciplinary action.