

*Title and Code of Course:* The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: religious themes and literary genres.

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**Course Description:**

Old Testament Pseudepigrapha is a common denomination for a large corpus of religious writing produced in the Second Temple Period. Despite its obvious connections with the late Biblical literature and the Early Christian as well as with early rabbinic texts the Pseudepigrapha form an independent corpus. They provide important insights into the religious ideas and literary forms current in the intertestamental period. The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha also offer an important background to the New Testament and to the early development of Christian writing and theology.

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