

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES  
SCHOOL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION  
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Course Title:** Wisdom Literature

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**Course Objectives:** Prepare students to...

- Identify the books comprising “Wisdom Literature” and summarize their respective content, style, purpose, and major themes
- Define wisdom within the Hebraic tradition and larger Biblical context
- Understand the nature of wisdom in relation to knowledge, truth, and the character of God
- Apply the study of Wisdom Literature to the needs of ongoing Christian discipleship

**Required Reading:** Bartholomew, Craig and Ryan O’Dowd, Old Testament Wisdom Literature: A Theological Introduction. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2011.

The Holy Bible (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)

**Final Assignment:** Prepare an outline for a six to eight week Adult Education class on one of the books of Wisdom Literature, including a full and detailed lesson plan for at least one complete class session.

*This project will be due, via email or U.S. Post, one month after class. If mailing, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return.*