

OSTS Lecture, Winter, 2026, 1st Term
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Course G *Ancient Wisdom*

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Descriptor

This course explores the diverse meanings of wisdom” in the Old and New Testaments, Classical Greek philosophy, and other ancient literature. Living as we do in what some call an “unwise age”, this course draws on ancient texts to explore what wisdom means for us now.

Outline

Week 1: What is “wisdom”?

Week 2: Wisdom in the Old Testament

Week 3: Wisdom in the New Testament and the Apocrypha

Week 4: Wisdom in Classical Greek philosophy and the Ancient Near East

Week 5: Wisdom then and now

Bio

Jane Dawson lectured with OSTS in the days she lived in Ottawa. She obtained her PhD in Philosophy from UBC and now teaches Humanities; Language, Arts and Culture at the University of Victoria, B.C. She lives on Vancouver Island where she enjoys the natural environment of mountains and the sea.