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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **BIVB25, Biblical Studies: The Old Testament in Hebrew - Level 2 B, 15 credits**

*Bibelvetenskap: Gamla testamentet på grundspråk -  
fortsättningskurs II, 15 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-04-21 and was last revised on 2017-04-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2017-08-28, autumn semester 2017.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

Religious Studies and Theology with  
specialization in Biblical Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree  
requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in  
first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for and explain elementary features of the morphology and syntax of Old Testament Hebrew
- identify forms of words and syntactic constructions of biblical Hebrew in accordance with grammatical terminology
- account for key theological terms in the language and something about their background and use
- provide a general account of the problems associated with interpreting texts formulated in another language and in other conceptual contexts

This is a translation of the course  
syllabus approved in Swedish

- describe the status of biblical Hebrew in language history and its place in the context of the Near East
- account for relevant issues of language and text that influence the study of biblical Hebrew texts within religious studies and theology

### **Competence and skills**

- master a fundamental biblical Hebrew vocabulary
- apply the knowledge acquired within the morphology and syntax of biblical Hebrew by translating simple Old Testament texts
- use dictionaries and encyclopedias in the work on Old Testament texts
- demonstrate the impact of language work on the exegesis of Old Testament text passages

### **Judgement and approach**

- reflect in speech and writing on the consequences of translation for the interpretation of individual words or expressions in the past and present
- assess and query the preconditions for their own and others' interpretations of Old Testament texts

### **Course content**

The course deals with the morphology, syntax and central vocabulary of biblical Hebrew in combination with translation exercises. This takes place in parallel with an ongoing study and discussion of exegetical issues and key Old Testament religious beliefs connected to the language exercises and their content.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of translation exercises and lectures. Oral presentations (in Swedish) by students may occur. Active participation in the translation exercises is expected.

Participation in at least 80 % of the exercises and lectures is compulsory unless there are special grounds. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or retake compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative. In other cases, there will be no opportunity to compensate for compulsory components.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on two written invigilated exams.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, the student must have passed Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1 (CTRA12/CTRD12) **and** Biblical Studies: Level 2 A (BIVB23/BIVD23) **or** the equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.

Subcourses in BIVB25, Biblical Studies: The Old Testament in Hebrew -  
Level 2 B

Applies from H16

1601 Biblical Hebrew, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction