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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVR22, Biblical Studies: Old Testament Studies - Second Cycle Course II, 15 credits

Bibeltvetenskap: Gamla testamentets exegetik - avancerad kurs II, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2014-04-28 to be valid from 2014-09-01, autumn semester 2014.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Theology and Religious Studies specialising in Biblical Studies. It can be included in a general first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Normally English, but subject to an agreement between the lecturer and students it may be taught in Swedish.

Main field of studies

Theology

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Biblical Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- independently and in detail explain the contents of a set of biblical texts in Hebrew based on a thorough grammatical analysis

- explain significant theological terms and concepts in a detailed and specialised manner
- discern and systematise the specific basic issues in a set of Old Testament areas
- present individual interpretations and test and modify them in relation to research in Old Testament studies

Competence and skills

- highly independently translate, and analyse and interpret from the point of view of history and language, a set of complex Old Testament texts in Hebrew
- critically and systematically analyse and deal with complex phenomena and issues in Old Testament studies research
- in speech and writing clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different views in Old Testament studies research
- write individual texts correctly describing and critically discussing issues of theology to national and international audiences
- constructively participate in discussions of advanced issues in theology

Judgement and approach

- review and assess Old Testament texts within his or her chosen specialisation taking account of relevant disciplinary, social and ethical aspects
- evaluate the possibilities and limitations of Biblical Studies research, justify its role in society and explain and argue for the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

Course content

The course consists of two modules. In the first module, the student selects an Old Testament text in Hebrew in consultation with the lecturer, amounting to approximately 15 pages depending on the level of difficulty. The text is to be studied independently together with a number of advanced scholarly commentaries and/or articles from different research traditions and methodological perspectives.

In the second module, the student reads a number of advanced scholarly secondary texts such as theses, monographs or articles from prominent international journals. The subject for the specialised studies is selected in consultation with the lecturer and is to be based on previously acquired knowledge.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Hebrew text and literature studies, 7.5 credits
2. Text studies, 7.5 credits

Course design

The course mainly consists of independent text study. The teaching consists of initial planning talks and follow-up talks in the manner of supervision.

Assessment

Module 1 is examined through an oral exam including translation of Hebrew text and a discussion of scholarly texts.

Module 2 is examined continuously through written and oral reports of which two, an oral and a written report, are to address international scholars (e.g. a book review for a journal, a conference paper or a journal article).

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.

Students are awarded one of the following grades: Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have a Bachelor's degree and have passed the course Biblical Studies: Second-Cycle Course I, 15 credits (BIVR12 or BIVR11) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. Course title in Swedish: Bibelvetenskap: Gamla testamentets exegetik – avancerad kurs II
3. The course replaces TEOR41.
4. 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.
5. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in BIVR22, Biblical Studies: Old Testament Studies - Second Cycle Course II

Applies from H14

- 1401 Hebrew Text with Literature Studies, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1402 Literature Studies, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction