



Joint 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

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 2025-03-03 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/167). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-03-10 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

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 study

Religious Studies and Theology with
specialization in Biblical Studies

Specialisation

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
- 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. In addition, the course also consists of a compulsory diagnostic test. 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 a written invigilated exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

For the grade of Pass on the course, the student must have been awarded this grade on the written invigilated exam. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the course, the student must have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the written invigilated exam.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have passed Religious Studies: Level 1 (REVA10/ÅRED11) **and** Biblical Studies: Level 2 A (BIVB23) **or** the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- 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.