



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 is an old version, approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-04-21 and was valid from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

### **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.

*Main field of studies*

Religious Studies and Theology: 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

- 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.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a written exam at the end of the course. Furthermore, the student is to perform a compulsory diagnostic test midway through the course.

*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