Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVD22, Biblical Studies: Central Concepts of the Bible, 15 credits

Bibelvetenskap: Bibliska huvudtankar, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-06-24 and was last revised on 2015-04-23 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

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	*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*
Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Biblical Studies	G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding
- provide a structured account of some main theological ideas in the Bible such as ideas of God and people's relationship to God and one another
- identify and explain theological continuity and discontinuity between the Old and New Testament
- account for aspects of history, literature and the history of ideas that have had an impact on the theological contents of the Old and New Testament
- exemplify the theological use of Bible texts in the past and present

Competence and skills
- conduct an independent and structured written analysis of theological themes in Bible texts
- execute an independent and structured written comparison of common main ideas in the Old and New Testament
- write a simple review of a an academic text

Judgement and approach
- critically assess the methods and disciplinary foundation of academic Bible theology
- assess and problematise aspects of gender, ethnicity and diversity in Bible texts and their use

Course content

The course deals with some of the most prominent main ideas of the Old and New Testament and associated texts. Furthermore, the students practise using methods of Bible studies to identify, analyse and compare theological themes in the Bible and to review Bible studies texts critically. The course also highlights the theological use of Bible texts in the past and present, taking account of aspects of gender, ethnicity and diversity in the texts and their use.

Course design

The course is a distance learning course supported by an online learning platform and digital tools. It is assumed that the student participates on these conditions and has access to a computer with Internet connection. The department provides information about the technical requirements.

The teaching consists of web-based lectures and seminars. Peer reviewing of papers is included in the course.

Assessment

The assessment is based on written reviews of parts of the required reading, a written exam at the end of the course and the presentation of a written paper.

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, students must have passed Bible Studies
(BIVB21/TEOB52/TEOB22/TEOB12/TEOB02) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is identical to BIVD22 and cannot be included in a degree together with this course.
3. 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.

Subcourses in BIVD22, Biblical Studies: Central Concepts of the Bible

Applies from H13

1301   Central Concepts of the Bible, 15,0 hp
       Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction