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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVD23, Biblical Studies: Level 2 A, 15 credits
Bibelvetenskap: Fortsättningskurs I, 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 2015-11-25 to be valid from 2016-01-18, spring 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.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with specialisation 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, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a structured account of the contents, historical context and development of the Bible
- provide examples of the relationship between text and context
- exemplify and summarise basic lines of thought in the Bible
- reflect on and describe how to interpret biblical texts

Competence and skills

- independently perform a systematic text interpretation of biblical texts
- distinguish and discuss different genres in the Bible
- identify and interrogate gender aspects of biblical texts

Judgement and approach

- judge the Bible as a historical document
- use scholarly criteria to assess different explanatory models of biblical studies

Course content

The course deals with the contents, genres, context and development of the Bible and its most important lines of thought. The students are also introduced to the basic issues of hermeneutics, and receive training in using different scholarly methods to analyse the texts of the Bible and to execute independent text and interpretation exercises. The students are to produce two minor interpretations (exercises in exegesis) within the course.

The course consists of two modules:

The Old Testament, 7.5 credits,
The New Testament, 7.5 credits.

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.

Assessment

The course is assessed on the basis of two invigilated exams and two written interpretations (exercises in exegesis).

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.

To be awarded a grade Pass on the whole course, students must have been awarded this grade on both modules. To be awarded 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, the student must have passed Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1 (CTRA12/CTRD12/CTRA11/CTRD01) or Religious Studies: Level 1 (CTRA10) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. This course replaces BIVD21.
2. The course is identical to BIVB23 and may not 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.
4. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
5. Module titles in Swedish: 1. Gamla testamentet, 2. Nya testamentet.

Subcourses in BIVD23, Biblical Studies: Level 2 A

Applies from V16

- 1501 The Old Testament, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1502 The New Testament, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction