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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVD27, Biblical Studies: Old Testament Hebrew, 15 credits *Bibelveenskap: Gammaltestamentlig hebreiska, 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 2020-08-26 to be valid from 2020-08-26, spring semester 2021.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of, 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 key relevant linguistic and textual issues that influence the study of biblical Hebrew texts from the perspective of religious studies and theological studies.

Competence and skills

- master basic vocabulary in biblical Hebrew
- apply the acquired knowledge in the morphology and syntax of biblical Hebrew by translating simple Old Testament texts
- use dictionaries and reference books in the work on Old Testament texts
- demonstrate the impact of linguistic work on the exegesis of Old Testament text passages

Judgement and approach

- reflect, orally and in writing, on the consequences of the translation for the text interpretation of individual words or expressions in history and the present day
- 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 key vocabulary of biblical Hebrew in combination with translation exercises. This is continuously supplemented by study and discussion of exegetical questions and central Old Testament religious beliefs and religious-historical issues, directly connected to, and integrated with, the linguistic exercises and their content.

Course design

The course is studied remotely, 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 and headset (microphone and headphones) and web camera. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Teaching consists of lectures and approximately 15 seminars. At the seminars, there are translation exercises in which active participation is assumed.

Participation in at least 80% of the seminars 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 course is assessed through a final oral exam via video link and approximately five written assessed components during the course (exercises and translation assignments).

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.

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.

The grade of Pass for the course requires at least the grade of Pass on both the final oral examination and on all earlier assessed components. The grade of Pass with Distinction on the course requires in addition a Pass with Distinction on the final oral examination.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. 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 BIVD27, Biblical Studies: Old Testament Hebrew

Applies from V21

2101 Biblical Studies: Old Testament Hebrew, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction