

Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVK10, Biblical Studies: Bachelor's Degree Project, 15 credits

Bibelvetenskap: Examensarbete för kandidatexamen, 15 högskolepoäng First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the prodean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-04-16 and was last revised on 2024-09-04 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2024/539). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-03-10 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

General information

The course is included in the Bachelor's degree programme in Religious Studies and Theology and is also given as a freestanding course. The course can be included in a general degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study	Specialisation
Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Biblical Studies	G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of exegetical and theological issues and research methodology within the chosen specialisation and within the research area chosen for the degree project,
- summarise the current state of research on the chosen topic,

Competence and skills

- independently identify, formulate and solve an issue of a scholarly nature,
- independently seek, collect, critically interpret and discuss information of relevance to a chosen research assignment,
- apply relevant methods and theories to address a chosen exegetical issue,
- within given time frames and within the framework of the chosen problem, present, discuss and analyse their own research assignment in written form in good Swedish or English,
- use a system of referencing and bibliographies accepted within biblical studies,
- conduct a critical review of a fellow student's work,

Judgement and approach

- make judgements in the field of theology and religious studies, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, such as power relations, gender and ethnicity,
- assess the role of exegetical knowledge in society and the individual's responsibility for how it is used,
- identify their own need for further knowledge within the field of religious studies and theology.

Course content

The course consists of the student writing a thesis specialising in Old or New Testament Studies. The students are to choose a topic based on their previous studies within the specialisation in consultation with the supervisor. The seminars cover different aspects of academic writing and how the different sections of the thesis can be laid out.

Course design

The main type of instruction consists of supervision, in groups and individually, and 8-10 compulsory seminars. Supervision is normally limited to the semester when the student was first registered on the course. However, exceptions can be made if there are special grounds. In the event of absence from a seminar, the student completes a written assignment.

Assessment

The assessment is based on the degree project, the student's defence of their degree project at a seminar and critical review of a fellow student's degree project. If there is no degree project to critically review at the time of assessment, the examiner can take a decision to allow the student to produce a written critical review rather than an oral one.

Passed degree projects at the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP Student Papers.

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

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and knowledge equivalent to BIVB26 Biblical Studies: The New Testament in Greek – Level 2 B, 15 credits, and BIVC16 Biblical Studies: The New Testament in Greek – Level 3, 15 credits, **or** BIVB25 Biblical Studies: The Old Testament in Hebrew – Level 2 B, 15 credits, and BIVC17 Biblical Studies: The Old Testament in Hebrew – Level 3, 15 credits

Further information

- 1. The course is given 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 application information and other relevant documentation.