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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

BIVR23, Biblical Studies: New Testament Studies - Second Cycle Course II, 15 credits

Bibelvetenskap: Nya testamentets exegetik - avancerad kurs II, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2014-04-28 to be valid from 2014-09-01, autumn semester 2014.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Theology and Religious Studies specialising in Biblical Studies. It can be included in a general first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Normally English, but subject to an agreement between the lecturer and students it may be taught in Swedish.

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Biblical Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- explain significant theological terms and concepts in a detailed and specialised manner
- discern and systematise the specific basic issues in a set of New Testament areas
- illustrate and critically discuss the complex and pluralistic cultural environment in which the early Church emerged

Competence and skills

- independently analyse advanced aspects of Koine Greek syntax and morphology
- aided by a dictionary and grammar, translate complex New Testament and non-biblical texts from Greek into Swedish
- aided by current research, independently perform linguistically and historically informed interpretations of New Testament and, as required, non-biblical texts in Greek
- write individual texts correctly describing and critically discussing issues of theology to national and international audiences
- constructively participate in discussions of advanced issues in theology

Judgement and approach

- independently reflect on elements of ideology in exegetical research and relate them to basic assumptions in the theory of science and cultural currents in society that include normative theology
- take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning by means of self-critical assessment and active knowledge acquisition.

Course content

The course consists of two modules. In the first module, the student selects one or several New Testament texts or other relevant texts in Greek (such as the New Testament Apocrypha or the Church Fathers) in consultation with the lecturer, amounting to approximately 15 pages in the Nestle-Aland edition depending on the level of difficulty. The Greek text is to be studied independently together with a number of advanced scholarly monographs or commentaries from different research traditions and methodological perspectives.

In the second module, the student reads a number of advanced scholarly monographs or articles from prominent international journals. The subject for the specialised studies is selected in consultation with the lecturer.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Greek text and literature studies, 7.5 credits
2. Text studies, 7.5 credits

Course design

The course mainly consists of independent text study. The teaching consists of initial planning talks and follow-up talks in the manner of supervision.

Assessment

Module 1 is examined through an oral exam including translation of Greek text and a discussion of scholarly texts.

Module 2 is examined through written and oral reports of which two, an oral and a written report, are to address international scholars (e.g. a book review for a journal, a conference paper or a journal article).

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.

Students are awarded one of the following grades: Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules. For 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, students must have a Bachelor's degree and have passed the course Biblical Studies: Second-Cycle Course I, 15 credits (BIVR12 or BIVR11) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. Course title in Swedish: Bibelvetenskap: Nya testamentets exegetik – avancerad kurs II
3. The course replaces TEOR42.
4. 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.
5. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in BIVR23, Biblical Studies: New Testament Studies - Second Cycle Course II

Applies from H14

- 1401 Greek Text with Literature Studies, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1402 Literature Studies, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction