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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

CTRR30, Religious Studies and Theology: Biblical Hermeneutics, 15 credits

Religionsvetenskap och teologi: Bibeltolkning, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-03-05 to be valid from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It can be included in the Master's programme in Religious Studies and Theology where it is:

- compulsory for students specialising in Biblical Studies
- elective for students specialising in Church and Mission Studies or Studies in Faith and World Views
- optional for students specialising in the History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science.

It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only 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 specialised account of the theoretical conditions and possibilities of the use and interpretation of the Bible
- provide examples of the use of biblical texts and themes in the history of Judaism and Christianity

Competence and skills

- analyse different strategies of Bible interpretation in some historical and present-day interpretative communities
- independently carry out an interpretation of biblical texts from stated methodological and hermeneutic positions

Judgement and approach

- reflect in speech and writing on the links connecting Bible use and values and approaches
- discuss the responsibility of the exegete for the consequences Bible interpretation
- take a position on and assess central hermeneutic positions in present-day academic exegesis, such as existentialist, feminist and post-colonial interpretative approaches

Course content

The course includes study of the interpretation and use of some key Bible texts and themes from the perspective of an informed theoretical awareness of the conditions and possibilities of Bible interpretation. The students are enabled to complement their skills in different philological and exegetical methods with knowledge of broad hermeneutic perspectives and interpretative approaches. By examining how texts and themes have been interpreted and used throughout the history of Judaism and Christianity and how they are interpreted today, the students test and evaluate different interpretative models. Informed by a holistic view of Bible interpretation, the students are to produce a written assignment on a Bible text and discuss different interpretations and uses of the Bible.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on an individual written assignment of a maximum of 15 pages and on an oral presentation.

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 a Bachelor's degree and have passed the course Biblical Studies (BIVB21/BIVD21) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. This course replaces CTRR20.
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.
4. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in CTRR30, Religious Studies and Theology: Biblical
Hermeneutics

Applies from H15

1501 Biblical Hermeneutics, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction