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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

JUDM10, Digging Deep: Archaeology and the Bible, 7.5 credits

Att gräva djupt: Bibeln och arkeologin, 7,5 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 2023-02-20 to be valid from 2023-02-20, autumn semester 2023.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

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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 student is to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- at a general level account for the historical and cultural contexts in which the biblical writings emerged,
- account for how the study of art and archaeological relics contributes to knowledge of the biblical texts and the context in which they emerged,
- account for how the study of the biblical texts can contribute to knowledge of their historical context and in interpretation of archaeological relics,

Competence and skills

- critically discuss the relationship between literary sources and archaeological remains and their significance for the possibility to reconstruct historical

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

circumstances

- independently, critically and creatively identify and formulate problems related to the narratives contained in the biblical texts,
- orally and in writing produce and critically discuss problems in dialogue,

Judgement and approach

- critically discuss the biblical texts as sources of knowledge about the ancient Levant,
- critically discuss archaeological finds as sources of knowledge about the biblical texts,
- independently assess the importance of art history and archaeological studies on the study of the Bible, and vice versa.

Course content

The course gives an introduction to the archaeology of the southern Levant between the second millennium BCE and the first century CE, which often is called "biblical archaeology", and its relationship to the biblical texts. Through an overview of the historical and cultural context in which the biblical narratives was written down, the course gives an in-depth critical review of a selection of controversial narratives described in the literary sources and how they relate to archaeological findings and relics. The course also covers the importance of biblical archaeology both for exegesis, and the understanding of ancient Israel's history and how this influences politics and religion today.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

An optional study visit to Israel is usually arranged in conjunction with the course. Students must pay for their own travel costs, meals and accomodation during the study trip.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written take-home exam.

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.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must meet the general entry requirements for higher education, and have obtained at least 90 credits in humanities, social sciences or law or equivalent knowledge.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- 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 current registration and information materials.

Subcourses in JUDM10, Digging Deep: Archaeology and the Bible

Applies from H23

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