



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES IN BIBLICAL CRITICISM - 21865

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: bible

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Shimon Gesundheit

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Coordinator Office Hours: By appointment

Teaching Staff:

Course/Module description:

The course will explore in depth the key issues in the study of the Bible. The lectures will be given by teachers of the department, each in his field. In this course students will read a comprehensive bibliography. At the end of the course each student will write a work on the subject discussed in the course, in coordination with the appropriate teacher.

Course/Module aims:

Familiarity and exposure to central issues in the study of the Bible by teachers from the Bible Department, each in his field.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

At the end of this course, M.A. students will be exposed to a wide range of topics as possible in the study of the Bible. Students will recognize the fundamental issues dealt with in the study of the Bible and read a thorough bibliography on every topic.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures by different teachers from the Bible Department.

Course/Module Content:

- An introductory meeting
- The beginning of history of biblical studies
- Text criticism and it's importance to literary criticism and interpretation
- Basic issues in the study of Torah
- Basic Issues in the composition of Former Prophets
- Basic issues in the study of the Prophecy - The Case of the Book of Isaiah
- Basic issues in the study of the return to Zion and literature
- The Bible and cultures around
- Late Biblical literature Apocrypha
- Literary reading in the Bible
- Inner- Biblical interpretation
- Ancient Jewish interpretation
- Medieval Jewish interpretation

Required Reading:

E. Tov, Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible (3rd ed., revised and expanded; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012) chapter 7 paragraphs B 1, 2, 4, 7, 10
OR

Additional Reading Material:

1. Thomas Römer, "'Higher Criticism': The Historical and Literary-Critical Approach", in: Magne Saebø, *The Hebrew Bible / Old Testament: The History of its Interpretation*, volume 3 (The Nineteenth Century), part 1 (From Modernism to Post-Modernism), Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2013, pages 393-423

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

Preparation of the material shall be made before the issue will discuss in class.
At the end of the course work will be coordinated with one teachers in the department.