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Teacher(s) :	Ausloos Hans ; Wénin André ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	This introductory course consists of four parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - presentation of the working instruments for biblical exegesis (synopsis, concordances and dictionaries), - presentation of the textual witnesses of the Bible and the methodology of textual criticism, - a concise status quaestionis of contemporary critical exegesis - initiation to narrative analysis of the Bible
Aims :	At the end of this module, the student will reach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the ability to use the basic working instruments with regard to biblical exegesis (synopsis, concordances and dictionaries), - acquaintance with the discipline and methodology of textual criticism - knowledge of the recent history of biblical research - the ability to explain a biblical text by means of the methodology of 'narrative analysis'. <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i>
Evaluation methods :	Introduction à la critique textuelle" and "initiation à l'exégèse historico-critique": written exam
Content :	2016-2017 1. Initiation to textual criticism (H. Ausloos) Often, one is confronted with the remark: 'The bible says...' However, 'the' bible does factually not exist. There are many manuscripts of biblical texts. Although these textual witnesses are generally quite identical, there are plenty of variants between the hundreds of biblical manuscripts. This introduction into textual criticism aims at initiating into the different textual witnesses and at indicating the importance and the methodology of textual criticism. Evaluation: written exam with written preparation (together with the part 'Initiation into historical-critical exegesis'). 2. Initiation to narrative analysis (A. Wénin) This initiation will be offered by the presentation of the main narrative techniques, illustrated by an analysis of several Biblical pericopes and by practical exercises on biblical narratives. Other methods will equally be presented concisely by way of an analysis of these texts. Evaluation : a brief personal written paper (4-5 pages) on a particular biblical narrative, that will be prepared in group during the classes (with comments by the professor). 3. Presentation of the basic tools of biblical exegesis (A. Wénin) In order to help student to read and study the Bible, several tools have been published : introductions to the Bible, encyclopedic and theological dictionaries, concordances, etc. A first initiation to these tools will be offered (presentation, exercises). Evaluation : the paper on narrative analysis (see above) will be complemented by an exercise in using dictionaries and a concordance. 4. Initiation into historical-critical exegesis (H. Ausloos) During many centuries, biblical books have been accepted as being written by important persons (Moses, David, Luke, John, ...), who have been considered as eye witnesses of the events they have reported. From the 17th century on, however, everything has been changed due to the development of historical-critical exegesis. This part of the course will initiate into this approach of biblical texts, which considers them as the result of a long and complicate process of writing and editing.
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Faculty or entity in charge:	TEBI

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)				
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage
Minor in Medieval Studies	LMEDI100I	3	-	
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Letters: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	3	-	
Bachelor in religious studies	RELI1BA	3	-	
	EBIB9CE	3	-	