

Faculté de théologie et de droit canonique

TECO

THEO1110

Introduction à la Bible

[105h] 9 credits

This course is taught in the 1st and 2nd semester

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Language: french

Level: 1st cycle course

Aims

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- correctly situate the essential data about OT history and culture;
- describe the historical background of the New Testament, the steps of its production and its constitution as a corpus, as well as the evolution of modern exegetic research in the matter;
- read a biblical text using mainly the historical-critical method and narrative criticism;
- use the basic tools in biblical exegesis (synopsis, concordances and dictionaries);
- think about the questions raised in reference to the Bible as a founding document and inspiring source of faith and Christian traditions.

Main themes

To reach these objectives, the course deals with the following themes (divided into 3 units: (A) Introduction to the NT; (B) Introduction to the OT; (C) Theological questions about the Holy Scriptures):

- main historical questions about Israel and OT (formation of the books and the texts of OT); theoretical and practical introduction to the narrative analysis of biblical texts; brief survey about the Jewish reading of the Bible;
- common issues related to the Introduction to the New Testament, particularly the Gospels and Acts (characteristics of the books, objectives, author, date, plan); survey of the historical background of the NT; research history; theoretical and practical presentation of exegetic methods (authenticity criticism, source criticism, literary forms criticism, redaction criticism, structural analysis);
- practical introduction to the tools used in biblical exegesis;
- theology of the Holy Scripture: truth of the Bible, revelation and inspiration of the Scriptures, formation of the biblical canons, questions raised by the text and by the reading of the Bible, as well as the relationship between exegesis and other theological disciplines.

Other credits in programs

HORI21 Première licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie (4 credits)

et histoire orientales)

HORI22 Deuxième licence en langues et littératures orientales (4 credits)

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