COURSE DESCRIPTION

University: University of Presov

Faculty/university workplace: Faculty of Orthodox Theology

Code: 5BIN/UVDSZ/22 Course title: Introduction to the Old Testament

Type, scope and method of educational activity:

Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar

Scope of educational activity: 2,2 hour per week, 26,26 per semester

Method of educational activity: Combined

Number of credits: 5

Recommended semester:

1st year WT

Orthodox theology (PT)

Study grade: Joined 1st and 2nd level

Conditions for passing the course:

Form of assessment:

Final evaluation:

The student will receive an evaluation if:

- during the semester, will processes, presents at the seminar, and submits a seminar work.
- during the semester will passes a continuous test the minimum success rate of the test is 50%. After successfully passing the continuous test and submitting the seminar paper, the student takes the oral exam during the exam period. To obtain an A rating (excellent) student must obtain at least 90%, to obtain a B rating 80%, to obtain a C rating at least 70%, to obtain a D rating 60%, to obtain an E rating at least 50%. A student who obtains 49% or less will be graded FX. The final evaluation is calculated as the average of the evaluation of continuous tests and the presentation of the assigned task.

If the continuous tests in the part time form are replaced by homework, the student will be evaluated after completing at least 50% of homework.

The final grade is determined by the sum of points for continuous tests (in the case of part-time learning for homework), seminar work and for the exam, as follows: A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60), E (59-50), FX (49-0).

A student who does not actively participate on the seminars will not be awarded credits. Teaching methods: the course presupposes the use of mass teaching methods, group teaching, verbal methods (monological, dialogical, work with literature), individual work (homework) and, if necessary, e-learning (such as Moodle or MS Teams and others).

Learning outcomes:

- .The graduate of the course will be able in the field of knowledge, skills and competences after getting acquainted with the basic information:
- define and interpret in their own words the basic concepts in the field;
- describe the historical context of the individual translations of Old Testament books from the 4th century. before Christ and their historical parallels for the present;
- use the acquired knowledge in spiritual and catechetical activities;
- define starting points and needs for pastoral care, homiletics and confession;
- General mastery of basic isagogical issues concerning the Old Testament.

Course content:

Bible - good news, language and authors;

The Old Testament and its understanding; Bible religions, archeology and chronology;

The religion of Jews and Christians; The oldest translation SZ - Septuagint (LXX);

Other translations of SZ into ancient Greek - Akila, Simach, Teodotion;

The beginnings of the biblical-critical study of the OT - Origenová Hexapla;

The Jewish canon of the OT and its non-canonical books - Jabne (Jamnia), the apocrypha of the

OT, targuma;

Mazoret text SZ, Talmud;

Oriental translations NW;

Slavic translations of the OT;

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Polyglota;

Tanak (TNK);

Number and division of NW from the point of view of Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Jewish;

Introduction to the prehistory of the book of Genesis (Chapters 1-11);

Theological Questions of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 1-11);

Some Semitic peoples of Mesopotamia and their religious ideas;

Religionist views of some Middle Eastern religions;

Religionist-Old Testament views; God and his work in the OT;

Historical reflection on the meaning of the OT and its literal understanding (Markion, fundamentalist understanding of the OT in Protestantism, patristic understanding);

Biblical exegesis of some SS topics;

The Temple in Jerusalem and its history;

Quran about the Creator, paradise, the fall of man, Cain, Abel and Noah.

Recommended literature:

CAP, A.: Izagogika do Starého Zákona I., Prešov 2019, Študijná Biblia (Slovenský ekumenický preklad), Slovenská biblická spoločnosť, Banská Bystrica 2015

Notes:

Credit subsidy: 5 ECTS = 150 hrs.

Full-time form: 19,5 hrs. consist of lectures / 19,5 hrs. consists of seminars / 111 hrs. consists of: preparation for the

continuous test = 31 hrs., preparation of the seminar work = 20 hrs.,preparation for oral exam = 60 hrs.

Part-time form: 6 hrs. consist of lectures, preparation of the seminar work = 20 hrs., distance learning = 54 hr., consultations with the teacher = 10 hrs., preparation for oral exam = 60 hrs.,

The student prepares for the continuous test according to pre-published syllabi.

Completion of the course is conditioned by successful completion of the specified conditions and fulfillment of the conditions of participation according to the Study Regulations of the University of Presov. An individualized approach is provided for students with special needs based on the recommendation of the faculty coordinator for students with special needs.

Course evaluation:

Total number of students evaluated: 232

A	В	С	D	Е	FX
13%	9%	8%	11%	9%	49%

Lecturers:

prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc., guarantor, co-guarantor, lecturer, examiner, seminary supervisor

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