

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Study program		Theological-catechetical program / Theological-pastoral program		
Module				
Type and level of studies		<i>General academic studies</i>		
Course name		Biblical Hermeneutics		
Teacher (lectures)		Dr. Predrag Dragutinović		
Teacher/Associate (exercises)		Danilo Mihajlović		
Teacher/Associate (additional forms of classes, research work)				
ECTS	6/7	Course status (obligatory/elective)		Obligatory
Attendance	Enrolled in second year theological-catechetical/theological-pastoral studies			
Course objectives	Acquisition of a general perspective of the problems in approaching biblical texts, familiarization with the principles and methods of hermeneutics, and preparation for a theologically-informed reading of biblical texts.			
Learning outcomes	Mastery of hermeneutical principles and methods along with their practical applications.			
Course content				
Lectures	1. Introduction to biblical hermeneutics and the theological significance of biblical hermeneutics; 2. The emergence of the biblical texts and biblical exegesis in late Judaism; 3. New Testament exegesis and exegesis in the Early Church, the formation of the biblical canon; 4. Patristic exegesis; 5. The basic foundations of philosophical hermeneutics, the hermeneutical process in contemporary Orthodox theology; 6. The text-reader relationship and the historical-critical method; 7. Textual and literary criticism, form, source, and redaction criticism; 8. New literary criticism and historical impact; 9. Canonical, dogmatic, and liturgical approaches to the text; ascetical and psychological approaches to the text 10. Socio-anthropological and contextual approaches to the text; 11. Literary significance, genre, and stylistic figures; 12. Deeper meaning within divine economy, allegory, and typology; 13. Past scholarly presentations and contemporary scholarly presentation; 14. The actualization and inculturation of the biblical text, the liturgical presentation of biblical themes.			
Practical classes (exercises, additional forms of classes, research work)	Due to the specific nature of the Faculty, the teaching process includes different types of classes, while exercises will comprise the theoretical and thematic components in an applied context, with an insistence upon skilled hermeneutical analysis of individual New Testament texts, as well as enabling active usage of literature by means of making translations from foreign languages, and the presentation of hermeneutical themes either in exercises or independent seminar study.			
Literature				
	1	C. Tomić, Biblijska hermeneutika. Pristup Bibliji, Zagreb: Kršćanska sadašnjost 1986.		
	2	A. Popović, Načela i metode za tumačenje Biblije, Zagreb: Kršćanska sadašnjost 2005.		
	3	U. Šnele, Uvod u novozavetnu egzegezu, Belgrade: PBF 2007.		
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Number of hours per week				
Lectures	Exercises	Additional forms of classes	Research work	Other classes
2	1			2
Coursework methods	Verbal-textual, illustrative-demonstrative			
Knowledge evaluation (maximum number of points 100)				
Pre-exam requirements	Points	Final exam		Points
Class activity	15	Written exam		
Practical classes		Oral exam		70
Colloquia				

Seminars	15		
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