

Course Syllabus

Thesis, 7, 5 ECTS-credits

Course code	AA231	Valid from	Fall 2017
Discipline	Theology/Religious Studies	Issued	2011-03-15
Level	Level 1, Seminar level C	Revised	2017-05-25

Admission requirements

60 ECTS in Theology/Religious Studies including BV101 Old Testament Exegesis, BV102 New Testament Exegesis, BV103 Biblical Theology 1 or equivalent.

Learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is that the student will be able to carry through a research project in the area of Theology/Religious Studies and to master all the phases of the work.

Knowledge and understanding

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate knowledge of the scientific basis of the area of Theology, knowledge of applicable methods and the current state of research in a particular area of Theology/Religious Studies

Competence and skills

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- to show ability to identify, delimit, design and implement a research project in a satisfactory way, in terms of subject matter and method,
- to show ability to apply relevant knowledge in the presentation and argumentation in the form of a scientific thesis,
- to show ability to communicate the result in a lucid text which reflect critical thinking,
- be able to defend the thesis against scholarly criticism,
- be able to critically engage with, and criticize scholarly texts and conduct an examination of a fellow-student thesis.

Judgement and approach

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate an awareness of ethical matters relevant to the research task,
- demonstrate an ability to identify the need for further knowledge in Theology/Religious Studies

Contents

The student writes a small thesis (7,5 ECTS-credits), and in the course of work, he or she is trained in scientific method and academic writing. The thesis will be criticized by a fellow student and defended by the author in a seminar.

Classroom work

The students in the course meet regularly to discuss outlines, drafts and texts and any aspect of the research- and writing process. In a final seminar the completed theses are discussed.

Examination

Thesis, and defence; criticism of another thesis (7,5 ECTS-credits)

Grading scale

Passed with distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Comments

ÖST recommends English speaking students to choose a topic in Biblical Studies or Systematic Theology. The thesis should be approximately 10000 words (15-20 pages). The student will receive further instructions during the course.

Required reading

Both, Wayne C., Colomb, Gregory G. and William, Joseph M. (2008). *The Craft of Research*.

(Chicago/London): University of Chicago Press. ISBN10: 0226065669, ISBN13: 9-780-22606566-3.

(270 pp. excl. appendix)