

2 credits







15.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Ausloos Hans ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	In order to achieve these objectives, the instructor proposes reading certain chosen biblical texts, using a method that is clarified and justified in light of the present cultural context. In reading these texts, he/she develops a reflection on the biblical message about the human being in the world and about possible paths for life. The basic awareness of the plurality of religious and laic approaches protects the discourse from close-mindedness, opening it to different traditions and other approaches.
Aims	<p>By the end of this course, the student should be able: - to confront him/herself in a personal and critical way with the reflection developed during the lectures on the basis of biblical texts, and to argue his/her position, showing that he/she is conscious of the complexity of the questions at stake, also when confronted with various philosophical and religious traditions. - to read a biblical text methodically, showing that he/she understands what is implied by such a process of reading and interpreting a text in the present context.</p> <p>1</p> <p>-----</p> <p><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></p>
Evaluation methods	Written exam
Content	<p>This course consists of three components.</p> <p>1. The first component concisely presents the starting point of every reflection on religion, faith and ideology in a Christian context. In the current western society, one can observe a crisis concerning this matter. In this respect, two chapters refer to the twofold cause of this. On the one hand the cultural-historical evolution of premodernity via modernity to postmodernity and on the other hand the 'strange' character of the biblical tradition itself, that nevertheless functions as foundation for the Jewish Christian tradition.</p> <p>2. In the second component possible answers to this crisis are discussed. The first chapter deals with some 'negative' reactions', in which the historicization of biblical stories and fundamentalism are the main subjects. The second chapter sketches in what way the 'positive' response can exceed this tarnishing crisis in an enriching, critical contact. In this connection, the matter of the Bible and historicity are discussed and thereafter, there is attention for the rise of the historical-critical exegesis. Finally, we zoom in on the shift from a diachronic to a synchronic approach of the text of the Bible.</p> <p>3. Against the background of the discussion of negative and positive answers to the crises with which the western Jewish Christian tradition has had to deal since the beginning of the 20th century, the third and last component will focus on some fundamental, existential human questions that are dealt with in the biblical tradition. After the discussion of the relation between the Old and the New Testament, in which the Old Testament has to receive the appropriate attention (chapter 1), we deal with the question of the way in which the biblical and/or Old Testament literature thinks about and tries to answer essential questions in three chapters. The second chapter of the third component deals with the origin and the purpose of human life against the background of the song on creation in Genesis 1,1'2,4. The third chapter deals with the realization of human living together, on the one hand from the perspective of respect for life in the Decalogue in Exodus 20,1-17, and on the other hand on the basis of the matter of social justice in the Old Testament concept of the Holy Year. Finally, the fourth and last chapter gives attention to the relation of God with human fortune. From three fundamental topics that determine and occupy man and society to this very day, in particular violence, suffering and love, it is demonstrated how the Old Testament literature is essentially and lifelike connected to the human existence in all its efforts to give meaning.</p>
Bibliography	<p>Support de cours obligatoire :</p> <p>H. Ausloos & B. Lemmelijn, La Bible et la vie. Réponses bibliques aux questions d'aujourd'hui (Le livre et le rouleau, 48), Namur ' Paris: Lessius, 2016 (239 p. ' isbn 978-2-87299-290-4) (' 24,00) - voir https://www.editionsjesuites.com/fr/livre-la-bible-et-la-vie-1651.html.</p>
Other infos	<p>Syllabus:H. Ausloos & B. Lemmelijn, La Bible et la vie. Réponses bibliques aux questions d'aujourd'hu, (Le livre et le rouleau, 48), Namur ' Paris, Lessius, 2016 ' Version anglaise: H. Ausloos & B. Lemmelijn, The Book of Life. Biblical Answers to Existential Questions(Louvain Theological and Pastoral Monographs, 41), Louvain ' Paris ' Walpole, MA: Peeters; Grand Rapids, MI ' Cambridge: William B. Eerdmans, 2010.</p>

Faculty or entity in charge	TECO
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Data Science Engineering	DATE2M	2		
Master [120] in Electro-mechanical Engineering	ELME2M	2		
Bachelor in Chemistry	CHIM1BA	2		
Master [120] in Forests and Natural Areas Engineering	BIRF2M	2		
Bachelor in Physics	PHYS1BA	2		
Master [120] in Electrical Engineering	ELEC2M	2		
Master [120] in Agricultural Bioengineering	BIRA2M	2		
Master [120] in Biomedical Engineering	GBIO2M	2		
Master [120] in Statistics: General	STAT2M	2		
Master [60] in Computer Science	SINF2M1	2		
Master [120] in Mathematical Engineering	MAP2M	2		
Master [120] in Computer Science and Engineering	INFO2M	2		
Master [120] in Chemistry and Bioindustries	BIRC2M	2		
Bachelor in Biology	BIOL1BA	2		
Master [120] in Statistics: Biostatistics	BSTA2M	2		
Bachelor in Mathematics	MATH1BA	2		
Master [120] in Chemical and Materials Engineering	KIMA2M	2		
Master [120] in Civil Engineering	GCE2M	2		

Master [120] in Physical Engineering	FYAP2M	2		
Master [120] in Environmental Bioengineering	BIRE2M	2		
Master [120] in Computer Science	SINF2M	2		
Master [120] in data Science: Information technology	DATI2M	2		
Master [120] in Mechanical Engineering	MECA2M	2		
Bachelor in Geography : General	GEOG1BA	2		
Master [120] in Architecture and Engineering	ARCH2M	2		