






**This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027**

Teacher(s)	Richelle Matthieu ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	<p>In order to achieve this end,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- some significant text from Old Testament poetic literature will be studied, with an explanation of the exegetical method and an illustration of the interest of exegetical basic tools;</li> <li>- some scientific literature about the texts will be read;</li> <li>- anthropological and theological aspects of the analysed texts will be developed, and their particular contribution in the context of biblical thought enlightened.</li> </ul>
Learning outcomes	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - understand the main procedures of biblical exegesis and apply them on a poetic text of the Old Testament ;</li> <li>2 - situate the anthropological and theological contribution of significant texts of the Old Testament poetic literature ;</li> <li>3 - understand and criticise scientific works in Old Testament exegesis.</li> </ol>
Evaluation methods	<p>The assignment will consist of an oral presentation (exegesis of a psalm) illustrated by slides at the examination session in January, with questions from the teacher at the end of the presentation.</p> <p>The assignment in Q3 will be the same as in Q1: an oral presentation (exegesis of a psalm) followed by questions.</p> <p>The use of generative artificial intelligence for writing assignments is tolerated, but not encouraged, as it is ill-suited to the assessment required. In particular, students are required to indicate, point by point and precisely, the bibliographical sources justifying the assertions made during the presentation, in compliance with bibliographical referencing standards. In the case of this course, these sources must all be printed academic publications. Furthermore, in accordance with the instructions of the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs, "the student is required to systematically indicate all parts that have been subject to the use of AI (...) specifying whether the AI was used to search for information, to write the text or to correct it." These instructions apply to any text written for reading during the oral presentation.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>The teaching method will combine times of presentation by the teacher and times of more active pedagogy around the implementation of the exegetical method on selected texts. The exegetical method is described in the handbook published by the teacher (see the "bibliography" section).</p>
Content	<p>This course will be devoted to the exegesis of the Psalter and in particular to the study of selected psalms. The following aspects will be discussed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compositional criticism;</li> <li>• Translation and philological questions ;</li> <li>• Literary structure ;</li> <li>• Poetical features ;</li> <li>• Intertextuality ;</li> <li>• Historical setting ;</li> <li>• Rhetorical function ;</li> <li>• Reception history.</li> </ul>
Other infos	Prerequisite : course of introduction to the Old Testament.
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [60] in Theology	<a href="#">THEO2M1</a>	4		
Certificat universitaire en théologie (approfondissement)	<a href="#">TECB9CE</a>	4		
Master [120] in Theology	<a href="#">THEO2M</a>	4		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	<a href="#">SREL2M</a>	4		
Master [120] in Biblical Studies	<a href="#">EBIB2M</a>	4		
Master [120] of Education, Section 4 : Religion	<a href="#">RELI2M4</a>	4		