



4.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Burnet Régis ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	In order to achieve this end, - a group of non-canonical texts from the inter- or neo-testamentary period will be studied; the selection will be guided by the interest of these texts for the interpretation of the New Testament; - these texts will be situated in their political, social, religious and literary context.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 - for the inter- or neo-testamentary period, either to situate historically and understand correctly non-canonical texts, 2 or situate in their socio-historical context some events, persons and movements.
Evaluation methods	Each student will take charge of all or part of one of the course sessions and analyze a pericope from one of the epistles.
Teaching methods	The method will be participatory. Attendance is mandatory. Lectures alternate with group reading and presentations.
Content	2024-2025 Introduction to Second Temple Literature Second Temple literature refers to a collection of writings produced between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament, a period of about four centuries, often referred to as the Second Temple period (c. 500 BCE to 70 CE). These texts, which are not all included in the canon, have great importance for understanding the historical, cultural and religious context of Second Temple Judaism, the period that saw the emergence of Christianity. Intertestamental works include apocryphal books, pseudepigrapha, sapiential writings, apocalyptic treatises and other literary genres. We will study in particular the Books of the Maccabees, the Book of Enoch, the Letter of Aristaetus and others. These writings reflect a diversity of thoughts and beliefs that influenced the religious currents of the time, including Pharisaic, Sadducean and Essene Judaism, as well as other more mystical or apocalyptic movements.
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Certificat universitaire en théologie (approfondissement)	TECB9CE	4		
Master [120] in Theology	THEO2M	4		
Master [120] in Biblical Studies	EBIB2M	4		