



## Syllabus

# The Book of Isaiah in Modern Biblical Studies, 10 ECTS-credits Jesaja i modern bibelforskning, 10 högskolepoäng

<b>Code</b>	BV404H	<b>Valid from</b>	Fall 2023
<b>Discipline</b>	Biblical Studies	<b>Issued</b>	2018-03-01
<b>Level</b>	A1N, Advanced Level 1	<b>Revised</b>	2023-01-25

## Entrance Qualifications

At least 120 credits of courses in Theology, of which 15 credits must be BV205H Old Testament Hebrew 1 and BV208H Old Testament Hebrew 2, or equivalent. The course also requires proficiency in English.

## Learning Outcomes

### *Knowledge and Understanding*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the book of Isaiah, with regards to its formation, theology, and reception history;
- show in-depth understanding of the contours of research on the book of Isaiah during the last decades;
- understand different research methodologies and assess how they affect the study of the Old Testament in general and the book of Isaiah in particular.

### *Competence and Skills*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate increased ability to interpret selected Hebrew texts from Isaiah in a methodologically astute manner and in close dialogue with up-to-date scholarly research;
- present their results in an independent manner;
- Show increased ability to analyse and translate Hebrew, with focus on grammar and vocabulary.

### *Judgement and Approach*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- understand and evaluate different interpretations based on historical, linguistical, literary, and hermeneutical criteria;
- understand and evaluate the ways in which the book of Isaiah has been employed in different faith traditions,
- discuss in a critical manner the ways in which we today can (or should not) use the book of Isaiah to inform on contemporary issues.

## Course Content and Course Work

The course strives to deepen the students' understanding of a wide range of historical, text-historical, narrative, and ideological methodologies that contemporary scholars use when studying the Bible. The book of Isaiah is ideal for this purpose, given its sustained significance in Jewish and Christian traditions. Throughout the course, the students will analyse selected texts in the book of Isaiah from exegetical and

hermeneutical perspectives, either in the original language or in translation. This study will be carried out in close dialogue with a wide range of scholarly secondary literature. Both aspects of the course aim to familiarise the students with different research methods and ideological perspectives that are involved in the interpretation of biblical texts.

### **Assessment Forms**

Text Seminars: Weekly text seminars of selected texts (4 credits)

PM: Individual exegetical work of a text of choice from the book of Isaiah, carried out in a methodologically astute manner and in sustained dialogue with primary and secondary sources (4 credits)

PM: Method Essay (2 credits)

\* is used to mark assessment forms where only a two graded scale is used (pass or fail). If the student has a decision from ALT regarding pedagogical support due to disability, the course coordinator has the right to provide a customized assessment.

### **Grading Scale**

Som betyg på kursen används Väl godkänd (VG), Godkänd (G) eller Underkänd (U).

### **Course Development**

At the end of the course, the students are asked to complete a course evaluation. The results are compiled and commented on by the responsible teacher in a report which is available to the student union. Since the last time the course given, the following changes have been made:

- No changes have been made.



## Literature

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*Commentaries (around 300 pages of choice)*

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- Williamson, H. G. M. 2018. *Isaiah 6–12: A Critical and Exegetical Commentary*. ICC. London: T&T Clark.