**New Testament Philology and Exegesis**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to introduce students to the critical reading of the books of the New Testament, based on the study of the formation process of this collection from a historical and literary perspective. Furthermore, the course aims to provide students with the key tools they need to carry out a critical analysis and interpret a particular book from the Christian New Testament, the *Acts of the Apostles*, in order to reconstruct their literary and historical context and understand their theological message. By the end of the course, students will be able to critically approach the texts of the New Testament, contextualising them historically and appreciating their unique linguistic and literary features.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Module 1 (30 hours – 6 ECTS credits)

The aim of the course is to present the New Testament on a historical and literary level: the manuscript tradition; the transmission of memory and oral tradition; the texts of the New Testament: Gospels, Acts, Letters, Revelation; the formation of the New-Testament canon.

Module 2 (30 hours – 6 ECTS credits)

The course aims to address the reading and critical study of the *Acts of the Apostles*, with a more in-depth analysis of certain passages. This is a fundamental text for understanding the origins of Christianity; in this light, we will try to reconstruct, from a historical and literary point of view, the origins of the book, the historical-social context of its production and use, and its connection with the Gospel of Luke and the other proto-Christian texts.

***READING LIST***

Module 1

R. Maisano, *Filologia del Nuovo Testamento: la tradizione e la trasmissione dei testi,* Carocci, Rome, 2014.

R.E. Brown, *Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento,* Queriniana, Brescia, 2001;

or

M. Ebner-S. Schreiber (eds.), *Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento,* Queriniana, Brescia, 2012.

or

D. Marguerat, *Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento,* Claudiana, Turin, 2004.

Module 2

a) Nestle-Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 28. revidierte Ausgabe, Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, Stuttgart 2012.

b) G. Rossé, *Atti degli Apostoli. Introduzione, traduzione e commento,* Edizioni San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2010

c) D. Marguerat, *Lo storico di Dio. Luca e gli Atti degli Apostoli,* Claudiana, Torino 2019

***TEACHING METHOD***

The first module is introductory in nature and does not require any particular prior knowledge. It will include the reading in cursive of some texts from the New Testament. Module 2 will include interventions and oral presentations by the students.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

In the oral exam, students must be able to demonstrate that: they know the historical-social context in which the texts of the Christian New Testament were produced; they can provide an overview of their manuscript tradition; they can analyse their literary structure; and they can identify their theological objectives and communication strategies (Mod.1). The students taking module two must be able to critically analyse and interpret the passages from the *Acts of the Apostles* chosen during the course; moreover, they must be able to reconstruct, from a historical and literary point of view, the origins of the book, the historical-social context of its production and use, and its connection with the Gospel of Luke and the other proto-Christian texts.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

As it is an introductory course, Module 1 has no particular prerequisites; to attend Module 2 successfully, students require basic knowledge of Greek and Latin.

In the event that the health emergency should continue, both teaching activities and any forms of learning monitoring, both in progress and final, will be provided also remotely through our University's BlackBoard platform, the Microsoft Teams platform and any other tools envisaged and notified at the beginning of the course, so as to ensure the full achievement of the formative objectives set out in the study plans and, at the same time, the safety of our students.

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