# Biblical Philology (Module I)

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1. ***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course introduces students to the critical study of the Old Testament, enabling an appreciation of its complex and problematic nature as well as of its richness. It also aims to familiarise students with the critical skills needed for scientific research on the biblical text.

At the end of the course, students will be able to contextualise the books of the Bible within the history and theology of the Jewish people; they will have learned about the characteristic features of the text and its versions, from the Septuagint, or “LXX”, onwards; they will also be familiar with the main bibliographic tools required for the in-depth study of Biblical texts.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Hebrew Bible – Old Testament: formation and tradition of the *corpus* of texts.

Reading of significant passages of the Old Testament.

***READING LIST***

Any edition of the Bible with translation CEI 2008.

E. Zenger (eds), *Introduzione all'Antico Testamento*, It. ed. by F. Dalla Vecchia, Queriniana, Brescia, 2013, pp. 9-91 and 949-1186.

Further material will be provided by the lecturer/professor during the course.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students will be assessed by means of an individual oral exam, which will evaluate their knowledge of the main Biblical figures and events as well as;

– their understanding of the concepts presented on the course and those assigned as home study;

– the ability to navigate among the themes covered on the course, and develop them independently, including by using the research skills learned on the course.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Since there is a parallel course on New Testament Philology, this course on Biblical Philology is more specifically oriented towards the Old Testament.

The course is valid for students whose programme includes the study of biblical culture, with possible adaptations to be agreed with the lecturer.

Although introductory in nature, the course assumes basic knowledge of the main figures and events in the Old Testament, and awareness of the theological scope of the Biblical texts for the Jewish and Christian religions.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG, or on the Faculty notice board.