



Syllabus

New Testament Textual Criticism, 7,5 ECTS-credits

Nytestamentlig textkritik, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Code	BV265H	Valid from	Fall 2023
Discipline	Biblical Studies	Issued	2015-01-23
Level	G2F, first cycle 2	Revised	2023-02-24

Entrance Qualifications

At least 60 credits of courses in Theology, including BV121H/BV201H Nytestamentlig grekiska 1 and BV122H/BV202H Nytestamentlig grekiska 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

- show acquaintance with the primary sources of the New Testament text(s), i.e., Greek manuscripts, early versions, and church father's citations,
- demonstrate knowledge of the history of New Testament textual criticism as a discipline, and
- demonstrate basic understanding of the current theories and methods of New Testament textual criticism.

Competence and Skills

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate basic skills in Greek palaeography, and
- show basic skills in using digital tools and methods for textual evaluation and editing.

Judgement and Approach

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- show the ability to evaluate textual problems on the basis of traditionally accepted criteria,
- show ability to reflect on the wider discussion of approaches and goals of the discipline.

Course Content and Course Work

The course gives an introduction to New Testament textual criticism (NTTC): the primary sources for the Greek New Testament text; the current theories, methods and practice of NTTC, and a short history of research. In addition, the students acquire training in Greek palaeography through an introductory study of the Greek minuscule alphabet, ligatures, *nomina sacra*, and abbreviations, with special attention given to developing a student's ability to accurately transcribe Greek New Testament minuscule manuscripts of the Pauline corpus, specifically the books of 2 Timothy and Titus. The course includes lectures (webinars) on New Testament textual criticism and Greek palaeography, tutorials on how to transcribe GNT MSS using the tools in the NT.VMR 2.0 and individual and group assignments of transcribing minuscules in 1 Timothy.

Assessment Forms

*Text Seminar (1 credit)

Book Review: Review of Hull *The Story of the New Testament Text* (2 credits)

Written Assignment: Assessment of eight transcriptions of 2 Timothy and Titus (4,5 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:

- Transcriptions are now made from 2 Timothy and Titus (previously 1 Timothy), but the amount of text and manuscripts is equivalent.



Literature

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Hull, Robert. *The Story of the New Testament Text: Movers, Materials, Motives, Methods, and Models*. Resources for Biblical Study. Atlanta: SBL, 2010.

IGNTP Guidelines for Transcribing Greek Manuscripts using the Online Transcription Editor: v 1.2. (Digital text, will be made available on *itslearning*).