

# **Module Handbook Biblical Studies**

**Degree Master of Arts  
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## **Explanations regarding the module descriptions**

### **1. Abbreviations for teaching and learning forms**

GS	Guided independent study
C	Colloquium
S	Seminar/Exercise in seminar form
T	Tutorial
V	Lecture

### **2. Abbreviations for study programs**

MBSt	Master's program in Biblical Studies (Master of Arts)
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### **3. Abbreviations for languages of instruction**

dt.	German
en.	English

### **4. Abbreviations for information on compulsory/elective areas**

C	Compulsory module
E	Elective module

## **Compulsory modules (15 ECTS CP)**

## Module: Research Project Planning

Module No./ Code: 230100100/RPP



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Academic research: sources and methods</li><li>Time management and project planning techniques</li></ul>
Learning objectives	Students have the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>develop and present their own theses for academic papers and present it in the form of an exposé including a research overview, a presentation of the guiding research question, a description of the methods used as well as the expected result;</li><li>organize research projects which they can then successfully execute in accordance with specifications.</li></ul>

### 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/Week	Workload [h]
	T	Research project planning	En.	15	2	90

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	None
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	C	2.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

### 6. ECTS CP

Course credit requirements	Portfolio (90 h)	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	None	

### 7. Cycle

### 8. Workload

### 9. Duration

Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	<b>180</b>	<b>1 semester</b>
Summer semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	M.A. Daniela Langen
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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## Module: Research Project Presentation

Module No./ Code: 230100200/PRP



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research project presentation techniques</li><li>Forms of constructive criticism and responses to it</li></ul>
Learning objectives	Students have the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>present orally the results of a research project;</li><li>summarise the results of a research project in a paper and develop further research questions.</li></ul>

### 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/Week	Workload [h]
	C	Master's Thesis Colloquium Hebrew Bible	En.	15	1	120
	Or					
	C	Master's Thesis Colloquium New Testament	En.	15	1	120

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	None
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	C	2.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	Presentation in the colloquium; Portfolio (150 h)	9 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Oral presentation (30 min.), en.	

### 7. Cycle

### 8. Workload

### 9. Duration

Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	<b>270</b>	<b>1 semester</b>
Summer semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Jan Rügemeier
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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**Master's thesis (15 ECTS CP)**

## Module: Master's Thesis

Module No./ Code: 230100300/THEBS



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	Select topics of biblical exegesis within the fields of Old or New Testament study offered by the Faculty of Protestant Theology.
Learning objectives	Students are able to independently define, research and adequately resolve a specific problem relevant to the field of Biblical Studies within a reasonable period of time, utilizing academic/scientific methods.

### 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/Week	Workload [h]

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO) and at least 18 ECTS CP
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	C	2.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	None	6. ECTS CP 15 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Master's thesis, en. (450 h)	

### 7. Cycle

		8. Workload	9. Duration
Winter semester <input type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	450	1 semester
Summer semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Markus Saur
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	
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**Subject-specific elective modules**

One LTH module and one LTN module must be chosen, with one of the modules being the a variant and the other the b variant, for a total of 24 ECTS CP.

# Module: Literature and Topics of the Hebrew Bible (a)

Module No./ Code: 230101100/LTHa

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## 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A diachronic literary-historical perspective on the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible</li> <li>Fundamental questions and methods of Old Testament exegesis</li> <li>Key aspects and contexts of historical developments in ancient Israel/Judea</li> <li>Central themes, focuses and theological approaches in/of the Hebrew Bible scriptures within the respective literary, historical and cultural contexts.</li> <li>Interrelationships between themes, focuses and theological approaches.</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students have the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>independently apply methods of analysis and interpretation to Old Testament sources</li> <li>develop a historical interpretation of key biblical texts</li> <li>identify central themes and approaches in/of the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible and contextualize these both within the literature and culture of the respective epoch and in relation to the history of Israel.</li> </ul>

## 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	In-depth study of exegetical questions concerning the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible	En.	20	2	90

## 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

## 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

## 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	Work assignment (90 h)	12 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Term paper, en. (180 h)	

## 6. ECTS CP

## 7. Cycle

Winter semester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and		<b>360</b>	<b>1 semester</b>
Summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## 8. Workload

## 9. Duration

## Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Markus Saur
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

## Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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## Module: Literature and Topics of the Hebrew Bible (b)

Module No./ Code: 230101200/LTHb

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### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A diachronic literary-historical perspective on the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible</li> <li>Fundamental questions and methods of Old Testament exegesis</li> <li>Key aspects and contexts of historical developments in ancient Israel/Judea</li> <li>Central themes, focuses and theological approaches in/of the Hebrew Bible scriptures within the respective literary, historical and cultural contexts.</li> <li>Interrelationships between themes, focuses and theological approaches.</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students have the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>independently apply methods of analysis and interpretation to Old Testament sources</li> <li>develop a historical interpretation of key biblical texts</li> <li>identify central themes and approaches in/of the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible and contextualize these both within the literature and culture of the respective epoch and in relation to the history of Israel.</li> </ul>

### 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	In-depth study of exegetical questions concerning the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible	En.	20	2	90

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	Work assignment (90 h)	12 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio, en. (180 h)	

### 6. ECTS CP

### 7. Cycle

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	360	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### 8. Workload

### 9. Duration

### Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Markus Saur
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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# Module: Literature and Topics of the New Testament (a)

Module No./ Code: 230102100/LTNa



## 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A diachronic literary-historical perspective on the scriptures of New Testament</li> <li>Fundamental questions and methods of New Testament exegesis</li> <li>Key aspects and contexts of historical developments in the nascent period of Christianity</li> <li>Central themes, focuses and theological approaches in/of New Testament scriptures within the respective literary, historical and cultural contexts.</li> <li>Interrelationships between themes, focuses and theological approaches.</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students have the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>independently apply methods of analysis and interpretation to New Testament sources</li> <li>develop a historical interpretation of key biblical texts</li> <li>identify central themes and approaches in/of the New Testament scriptures and contextualize these within the literature and culture of the respective epoch and historically within the nascent period of Christianity.</li> </ul>

## 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	In-depth study of exegetical questions concerning the New Testament scriptures	En.	20	2	90

## 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

## 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

## 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	Work assignment (90 h)	12 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Term paper, en. (180 h)	

## 6. ECTS CP

## 7. Cycle

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	360	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 8. Workload

## 9. Duration

## Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Hermut Löhr
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

## Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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# Module: Literature and Topics of the New Testament (b)

Module No./ Code: 230102200/LTNb

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## 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A diachronic literary-historical perspective on the scriptures of New Testament</li> <li>Fundamental questions and methods of New Testament exegesis</li> <li>Key aspects and contexts of historical developments in the nascent period of Christianity</li> <li>Central themes, focuses and theological approaches in/of New Testament scriptures within the respective literary, historical and cultural contexts.</li> <li>Interrelationships between themes, focuses and theological approaches.</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students have the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>independently apply methods of analysis and interpretation to New Testament sources</li> <li>develop a historical interpretation of key biblical texts</li> <li>identify central themes and approaches in/of the New Testament scriptures and contextualize these within the literature and culture of the respective epoch and historically within the nascent period of Christianity.</li> </ul>

## 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	In-depth study of exegetical questions concerning the New Testament scriptures	En.	20	2	90

## 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

## 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

## 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	Work assignment (90 h)	12 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio, en. (180 h)	

## 6. ECTS CP

## 7. Cycle

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	360	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 8. Workload

## 9. Duration

## Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Hermut Löhr
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

## Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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**Cross-disciplinary elective modules**

One module worth 6 ECTS CP must be chosen.

## Module: Extra-Biblical Literature

Module No./ Code: 231100100/EBL



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	Selected texts from one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ancient Near Eastern literatures</li><li>▪ Greek and Roman literature</li><li>▪ Jewish Literature of the Second Temple period</li><li>▪ Early Christian literature</li></ul>
Learning objectives	Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ understand ancient extra-biblical literature in context and elucidate such content, including in relation to biblical traditions</li><li>▪ outline key research issues and positions in the field of ancient studies</li><li>▪ recognize and utilize academic editions and source research tools.</li></ul>

### 2. Course Data

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	Comparative study of select extra-biblical literature texts and themes	En.	15	2	90

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	None	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio; en. (90 h)	

### 6. ECTS CP

### 7. Cycle

### 8. Workload

### 9. Duration

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	180	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant; potentially instructors from other faculties
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Hermut Löhr
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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# Module: Hermeneutics of the Bible in Comparative Perspective

Module No./ Code: 231100200/HBC

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## 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental issues and themes in biblical hermeneutics</li> <li>The primary dimensions of biblical interpretation</li> <li>Possibilities and limits of the reflection on these interpretation processes</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discuss and independently assess possibilities and limits of biblical hermeneutics</li> <li>develop their own substantiated approaches to the interpretation of biblical texts based on an awareness of the history of biblical hermeneutics and the reflection thereupon.</li> </ul>

## 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	Biblical Hermeneutics	En.	15	2	90

## 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	None
Recommended	None

## 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

## 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

## 6. ECTS CP

Course credit requirements	None	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio; en. (90 h)	

## 7. Cycle

## 8. Workload

## 9. Duration

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	<b>180</b>	<b>1 semester</b>
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

## Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Jan Dietrich
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

## Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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## Module: Artefacts and Biblical Traditions

Module No./ Code: 231100300/ABT



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	The significance of material legacies in understanding biblical traditions.
Learning objectives	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ discuss the significance of artefacts from the (primarily late) period of antiquity for the historical interpretation or 'history of effect' of biblical texts</li> <li>▪ discuss key issues and methods relevant to the analysis of material legacies</li> <li>▪ grasp the course material within the broader context of Judaism and Christianity in the period of Antiquity.</li> </ul>

### 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/Week	Workload [h]
	L or S	Christian Archeology	En.	120 or 30	2	60
	GS	Further reading	--	1	0	30

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	None
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	None	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio; en. (90 h)	

### 6. ECTS CP

### 7. Cycle

		8. Workload	9. Duration
Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	180	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	Prof. Dr. Sabine Feist or the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Sabine Feist
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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# Module: The Bible in the History and Culture of Christianity

Module No./ Code: 231100400/BHC

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## 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental research issues and methods relating to the historical reception and 'history of effect' of biblical texts</li> <li>Key aspects and factors regarding historical reception and the 'history of effect' of biblical texts in a cultural history context</li> </ul>
Learning objectives	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>outline and discuss approaches and ways of understanding historical reception and observing 'history of effect'</li> <li>analyze and interpret significant issues regarding the historical reception and the 'history of effect' of biblical texts.</li> </ul>

## 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	Study of the historical reception and history of effect of select biblical texts and traditions	En.	15	2	90
	Or					
	S	Modern Era (advanced seminar, contemporary research)	En.	30	2	80
	GS	Further reading	--	1	0	10

## 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	Knowledge of New Testament Greek (according to § 5 par. 3 PO)
Recommended	None

## 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

## 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

Course credit requirements	None	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio; en. (90 h)	

## 7. Cycle

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	180	1 semester
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 8. Workload

## 9. Duration

## Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant; potentially instructors from other faculties
Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Wolfram Kinzig
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

Other information	
(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.

## Module: The Bible in a Globalized World

Module No./ Code: 231100500/BGW



### 1. Content and Learning Objectives

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reception and interpretation of biblical texts and traditions in various regional and global contexts</li><li>Case studies of the reception of biblical texts within <i>communities</i> worldwide</li></ul>
Learning objectives	Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>understand exegetical cultures in relation to each other and</li><li>hermeneutically reflect upon these.</li></ul>

### 2. Course Format

	Course Type	Topic	Language of Instruction	Group Size	Hours/ Week	Workload [h]
	S	Reception of the Bible in a Globalized World	En.	15	2	90

### 3. Module Prerequisites

Mandatory Documentation required	None
Recommended	None

### 4. Module Application

	Degree Program/Program Component	Compulsory/ Elective	Program-related semester
	MBSt	E	1.

### 5. Requirements for ECTS Credit Points

### 6. ECTS CP

Course credit requirements	None	6 CP
Examinations, exam weightings and language	Portfolio; en. (90 h)	

### 7. Cycle

### 8. Workload

### 9. Duration

Winter semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winter and	<b>180</b>	<b>1 semester</b>
Summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>	summer semester <input type="checkbox"/>		

### Module Organization

Instructor	Instructors of the Faculty of Protestant Theology
Module Coordinator	Dr. Matthew Robinson
Organizational Unit offering the Module	Faculty of Protestant Theology

### Other information

(e.g. literature list)	Specific requirements for individual classes, including particularly detailed course credit requirements, literature references, etc., are posted in the electronic course catalog BASIS.
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