

Undergraduate Biblical Studies Unit Descriptions

The detailed syllabus for each unit is available to enrolled students on the Learning Support System (LSS) at <http://learning.moore.edu.au/login/index.php>. Students are encouraged to consult the syllabus as it remains the description of each unit and its assessments which takes precedence over all others.

BS106 Hebrew 1A

The purpose of this unit is to begin to equip students with the foundational linguistic and exegetical skills needed to sustain biblical and theological engagement with the Hebrew Old Testament throughout the BD and beyond.

Credit points	4	
Total Commitment Hours	95	
Prerequisite	Prerequisite for receiving the BD degree with honours.	
Assessment	One oral reading test	10%
	One online quiz	10%
	One assessed class test	30%
	One 1-hour examination	50%

BS107 Hebrew 1B

The purpose of this unit is to begin to equip students with the foundational linguistic and exegetical skills needed to sustain biblical and theological engagement with the Hebrew Old Testament throughout the BD and beyond.

Credit points	4	
Total Commitment Hours	95	
Prerequisite	Prerequisite for receiving the BD degree with honours.	
Assessment	One take home assignment	30%
	One online quiz	10%
	One 1-hour examination	60%

BS102 Greek 1A

Greek 1A includes 2 week summer intensive and 2 Terms. The purpose of this unit is to lay the foundations for reading the New Testament in Greek.

Credit points	7	
Total Commitment Hours	168	
Prerequisite	Prerequisite for BS103 Greek 1B	
Assessment	Regular class tests	10%
	One 2-hour examination	90%

BS103 Greek 1B

The purpose of this unit is to lay the foundations for reading the New Testament in Greek.

Credit points	5	
Total Commitment Hours	96	
Prerequisite	Prerequisite for BS221 NT2 and BS201 Greek 2	
Assessment	Regular class tests	10%
	One 2-hour examination	90%

BS111 Old Testament 1

The purpose of this unit is to equip students with tools for good reading, and to begin to use them to appreciate the OT as an integrated historical, literary and theological book by which the God of history reveals his purposes for humanity.

Credit points	8	
Total Commitment Hours	192	
Prerequisite	Nil.	
Assessment	Formative	
	Class discussion of Primary texts from the ANE	N/A
	A class exercise on critical method and essay writing	N/A
	In-class mapping exercises	N/A
	Summative	
	Five online quizzes	10%
	One 2,000 word essay	40%
	One 2-hour examination	50%

BS121 New Testament 1

The purpose of this unit is establish the student's knowledge and skill base for reading the New Testament in literary, theological and historical fashion, as an integral part of a preaching & teaching ministry.

Credit points	8	
Total Commitment Hours	192	
Prerequisite	Nil.	
Assessment	One 1,000 word primary document assignment	10%
	One 2,000 word essay	40%
	One 3-hour examination	50%

BS130 Biblical Exegesis and Exposition

The purpose of this unit is to acquire the basic skills of exegesis and exposition through a study of the English texts of selected biblical books.

Credit points		4
Total Commitment Hours		70
Prerequisite	Nil.	
Assessment	One 1,000 Exegesis Assignment	50%
	A 1-hour Bible Study examination	50%

BS141 Biblical Theology

The purpose of this unit is to acquaint students with the method and content of biblical theology, and its application to Christian ministry, with special reference to preaching.

Credit points		4
Total Commitment Hours		96
Prerequisite	Prerequisite for BS111 Old Testament 1	
Assessment	Biblical theological exposition, critical reading reflection, tutorial engagement	10%
	One online Quiz	25%
	One 1,500 word Thematic Assignment	65%

BS200 Hebrew 2

Hebrew 2 includes a summer intensive and 2 Terms. The purpose of this unit is to complete the study of Hebrew grammar begun in Hebrew 1 and to introduce students to the study of Hebrew syntax, thus laying the foundations for advanced exegesis and reflection on the text and meaning of the Hebrew Old Testament.

Credit points		6
Total Commitment Hours		144
Prerequisite	A pass in BS107 Hebrew 1B Examination, OR a pass in a bridging examination at the start of the Hebrew 2 summer intensive.	
Assessment	A 1-hour examination	30%
	A 2.5-hour end of year examination	70%

BS201 Greek 2: Greek Syntax

The purpose of this unit is to develop the skills necessary for analysis and exegesis of the New Testament in Greek, as well as confidence in reading Greek texts of varying natures.

Credit points	4	
Total Commitment Hours	96	
Prerequisite	BS103 Greek 1B	
Assessment	Periodical LSS quizzes	10%
	A 1-hour examination at the end of Term 1	30%
	A 2-hour examination at the end of Term 2	60%

BS211 Old Testament 2 (English Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop and apply the skills required to draw a coherent knowledge of God from the Law and Prophets of the Old Testament.

Credit points	9	
Total Commitment Hours	216	
Prerequisite	BS111 OT1 or equivalent	
Assessment	Formative	
	Two small group tutorials following the two exegetical exercises, aimed at providing feedback and further development of skills.	N/A
	Self and peer assessment through the essay process	N/A
	Summative	
	Two 1,500 word exegetical exercises	50%
	One 3,000 word essay	50%

BS212 Old Testament 2 (Hebrew Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop and apply the skills required to draw a coherent knowledge of God from the Law and Prophets sections of the Hebrew Old Testament.

Credit points	9	
Total Commitment Hours	216	
Prerequisite	BS111 OT1 or equivalent and BS106 Hebrew 1A are prerequisite, and a pass grade in BS200 Hebrew 2 is co-requisite.	
Assessment	Formative	
	Two small group tutorials following the two exegetical exercises, aimed at providing feedback and further development of skills.	N/A
	Self and peer assessment through the essay process	N/A
	Summative	
	One 1,500 word and one 2,000 word exegetical exercise	50%
	One 3,000 word essay	50%

BS221 New Testament 2: Reading John and 1 Corinthians

The purpose of this unit is to develop the student's skills in reading the New Testament in its original language aware of wider historical, literary and theological concerns and implications.

Credit points	9	
Total Commitment Hours	216	
Prerequisite	BS102 Greek 1A, BS103 Greek 1B and BS121 NT1. Co-Requisite: BS202 Greek 2	
Assessment	Formative	
	Summer Verbal Aspect Workshop	N/A
	Summative	
	One 2-hour end of year examination	45%
	Four 1,000 word exegetical exercises	50%
	Online Greek vocabulary quizzes	5%

BS300 Hebrew 3

The purpose of this unit is to consolidate and deepen the student's knowledge of Biblical Hebrew to an intermediate level, and to equip them to exegete Hebrew poetry, in preparation for the sustained literary and theological study of the Old Testament required in OT3(H) and OT4(H).

Credit points	3	
Total Commitment Hours	72	
Prerequisite	BS200 Hebrew 2	
Assessment	Two 45-minute tests	50%
	A 1-hour end of year examination	50%

BS311 Old Testament 3 (English Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop a theological sensitivity to poetic and other texts from the Prophets and Writings of the English Old Testament.

Credit points	9	
Total Commitment Hours	216	
Prerequisite	BS211/BS212 Old Testament 2	
Assessment	Formative	
	Tutorial participation, involving guided group discussions, with input from the tutor, of the set texts.	N/A
	Self-assessment and peer assessment through the essay process	N/A
	Summative	
	Weekly quizzes	30%
	One 3,500 word essay	40%
	Two hours of examination	30%

BS312 Old Testament 3 (Hebrew Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop a theological sensitivity to the Old Testament, especially its poetic Hebrew texts.

Credit points	9	
Total Commitment Hours	216	
Prerequisite	BS211 OT2 and BS300 Hebrew 3 (co-requisite)	
Assessment	Formative	
	Tutorial participation, involving guided group discussions, with input from the tutor, of the set texts.	N/A
	Self-assessment and peer assessment through the essay process	N/A
	Summative	
	Weekly quizzes	30%
	One 3,500 word essay	40%
	Two hours of examination	30%

BS321 New Testament 3: Reading Acts and Paul

The purpose of this unit is to develop further the student's skills in reading the New Testament in its original language, with an advanced awareness of wider historical, literary and theological concerns and implications.

Credit points	10	
Total Commitment Hours	240	
Prerequisite	BS221 NT2, BS201 Greek 2	
Assessment	Formative	
	Summer textual criticism workshop	N/A
	Online Greek vocabulary quiz	N/A
	Summative	
	One 1,500 word exegetical exercise	10%
	One 2-hour examination	40%
	One 1,500 word exegetical evaluation exercise	10%
	One 3,000 word essay	40%

BS400 Daniel (Hebrew & Aramaic)

The purpose of this unit is to enable students to work from the original language in all parts of the Old Testament, lay a linguistic foundation for any subsequent study of Aramaic texts, and equip students to address the interpretative problems associated with Apocalyptic in general and the book of Daniel in particular.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	144	
Prerequisite	60% in BS300 Hebrew 3, or 70% in BS200 Hebrew 2 if BS300 is taken concurrently	
Assessment	A 1-hour examination	35%
	A 2-hour examination	65%

BS405 Advanced Topics in Biblical Greek and Exegesis

The purpose of this unit is to develop further the student's skills in reading the New Testament in its original language, with an advanced awareness of wider historical, literary and theological concerns and implications.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	115	
Prerequisite	BS201 Greek 2	
Assessment	Formative	
	Online Greek vocabulary quiz	N/A
	Summative	
	One 2,000 word Linguistic-analytical paper	25%
	One seminar presentation	25%
	One 3,000 word essay	50%

BS411 Old Testament 4 (English Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop a deep, methodically reflective and pastorally relevant appreciation of the book of Zechariah in the English Old Testament.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	144	
Prerequisite	BS311/BS312 OT3	
Assessment	One 1,000 word exegetical paper	10%
	One 2,500 seminar paper	40%
	One 2-hour examination	50%

BS412 Old Testament 4 (Hebrew Option)

The purpose of this unit is to develop a deep, methodically reflective and pastorally relevant appreciation of the book of Zechariah in the Hebrew Old Testament.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	144	
Prerequisite	BS300 Hebrew 3 and BS312 OT3 (Hebrew) are prerequisites	
Assessment	One 2,000 word book review	25%
	One 1,200 word reflection	15%
	One 2.5-hour examination	60%

BS421 New Testament 4: Advanced Theological Exegesis (Matthew and Hebrews)

The purpose of this unit is to develop a methodologically aware, theologically focused approach to exegesis, through a sustained analysis of Matthew and Hebrews.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	144	
Prerequisite	BS321 NT3	
Assessment	Formative	
	Online Greek vocabulary quiz	N/A
	Summative	
	Two 1,500 word exegetical papers	50%
	A 1-hour examination (Semester 1)	25%
	A 1-hour examination (Semester 2)	25%

BS422 New Testament Christology

The purpose of this unit is to teach the student to read the New Testament with a sensitivity to Christology.

Credit points	6	
Total Commitment Hours	144	
Prerequisite	BS321 NT3	
Assessment	One 4,000 word essay	80%
	One 2,000 word critical analysis	20%