

## Course Syllabus

# Thesis, 7, 5 ECTS-credits

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| <b>Course code</b> | AA231                      | <b>Valid from</b> | Fall 2017  |
| <b>Discipline</b>  | Theology/Religious Studies | <b>Issued</b>     | 2011-03-15 |
| <b>Level</b>       | Level 1, Seminar level C   | <b>Revised</b>    | 2017-05-25 |

### Admission requirements

60 ECTS in Theology/Religious Studies including BV101 Old Testament Exegesis, BV102 New Testament Exegesis, BV103 Biblical Theology 1 or equivalent.

### Learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is that the student will be able to carry through a research project in the area of Theology/Religious Studies and to master all the phases of the work.

#### *Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate knowledge of the scientific basis of the area of Theology, knowledge of applicable methods and the current state of research in a particular area of Theology/Religious Studies

#### *Competence and skills*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- to show ability to identify, delimit, design and implement a research project in a satisfactory way, in terms of subject matter and method,
- to show ability to apply relevant knowledge in the presentation and argumentation in the form of a scientific thesis,
- to show ability to communicate the result in a lucid text which reflect critical thinking,
- be able to defend the thesis against scholarly criticism,
- be able to critically engage with, and criticize scholarly texts and conduct an examination of a fellow-student thesis.

#### *Judgement and approach*

At the end of the course the student is expected to

- demonstrate an awareness of ethical matters relevant to the research task,
- demonstrate an ability to identify the need for further knowledge in Theology/Religious Studies

### Contents

The student writes a small thesis (7,5 ECTS-credits), and in the course of work, he or she is trained in scientific method and academic writing. The thesis will be criticized by a fellow student and defended by the author in a seminar.

## **Classroom work**

The students in the course meet regularly to discuss outlines, drafts and texts and any aspect of the research- and writing process. In a final seminar the completed theses are discussed.

## **Examination**

Thesis, and defence; criticism of another thesis (7,5 ECTS-credits)

## **Grading scale**

Passed with distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

## **Comments**

ÖST recommends English speaking students to choose a topic in Biblical Studies or Systematic Theology. The thesis should be approximately 10000 words (15-20 pages). The student will receive further instructions during the course.

## **Required reading**

Both, Wayne C., Colomb, Gregory G. and William, Joseph M. (2008). *The Craft of Research*.

(Chicago/London): University of Chicago Press. ISBN10: 0226065669, ISBN13: 9-780-22606566-3.  
(270 pp. excl. appendix)