



# Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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## Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

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# Exegesis Old Testament

Course Code	G_BATRSPC302
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	300
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. W.T. van Peursen
Examiner	prof. dr. W.T. van Peursen
Teaching Staff	prof. dr. W.T. van Peursen
Teaching method(s)	Seminar, Lecture

## Course Objective

After finishing this course, the student:

- has insight in the various exegetical approaches and their interrelatedness;
- is able to apply these approaches independently to Old Testament texts, especially narrative texts;
- has the skills to use Bible software for exegetical problems;
- can argue and present choices in the exegetical process.

## Course Content

This course covers exegesis in the broadest sense of the word, from grammar, textual criticism, syntactic and literary analysis till the first steps toward Biblical Theology.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars, small assignments during the course, literature study, final paper. Because most part of this course consists of seminars, it is important that every student attends the class meetings. Anyone who is absent for more than two meetings (or four meetings only half), cannot successfully complete this course.

## Method of Assessment

Formative assignments: exercises in the preparation of each class meeting. For every pass/fail assignment, you need to have a "pass", otherwise you need to do a rehearsal. Graded assignments make 30% of your final mark.

Summative testing: individual paper over a selected chapter from the Bible. The final paper should include all the exegetical steps that are discussed during the course. The final paper should also have a 6 or higher (70%).

## Entry Requirements

Students in BA TRS must have successfully finished Hebrew I (G\_BATRSPC107)/Hebreeuws I (G\_BATHE2S107), Hebrew II (G\_BATRSPC112)/Hebreeuws II (G\_BATHE2S109), and fully participated in Hebrew III (G\_BATRSPC118)/Hebreeuws III (G\_BATHE2S111)(Education and Examination regulations apply).

## Literature

Mandatory literature:

- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, 5th edition

- Additional materials will be made available on canvas.

[Note: If possible, the student should take a laptop (or tablet etc.) to the classes.]

#### Recommended literature:

- L. Koehler, W. Baumgartner, The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament, Leiden: Brill, 2001.

- J.P. Lettinga, Grammatica van het bijbels Hebreeuws, twaalfde herziene editie door M.F.J. Baasten en W.Th. van Peursen; met M.F.J. Baasten en W.Th. van Peursen, Leerboek van het bijbels Hebreeuws (Leiden, Brill, 2012) or an English advanced grammar of Biblical Hebrew.

#### Recommended background knowledge

Hebrew I+OT, II+OT, III + OT or equivalent knowledge of the Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew.