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Requirements for the entrance examination
Protestant Theology (N0221A100016)

Type of study: Master's (post-Bachelor)

Form of study: full-time

Entrance examination is taken orally in one session. The interview examines applicants' knowledge of biblical theology (including the original languages – Hebrew and Greek), systematic theology, historical theology and philosophy. The maximum award is 100 points in total, the minimum requirement for admission is 65 points.

For the biblical part of the entrance exam, applicant will prepare in advance exegetical analysis of at least 2 passages from the Old Testament (at least 20 verses for each passage), and 2 passages from the New Testament (at least 10 verses for each passage).

Old Testament

From each of the modules 1–3 at least one title is obligatory (can be substituted by a comparable publication):

1) Hebrew Bible / Old Testament as literature:

COLLINS, John J., *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, Minneapolis Fortress Press 2018.

SCHMID, K., *The Old Testament: A Literary History*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press 2012.

GERTZ, Jan Christian (Hrsg.), *Grundinformation Altes Testament: Eine Einführung in Literatur, Religion und Geschichte des Alten Testaments*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Rupprecht 2010 (4. Aufl.).

RÖMER, Thomas – MACCHI, Jean-Daniel – NIHAN, Christophe, (éds), *Introduction a l'Ancien Testament*, Geneve: Labor et Fides 2009.

RENDTORFF, Rolf, *The Old Testament: An introduction*, Philadelphia: Fortress Press 1991.

2) History of Ancient Israel and Judah:

KNAUF, Ernst Axel & GUILLAUME, Philippe, *A History of Biblical Israel: The Fate of the Tribes and Kingdoms from Merenptah to Bar Kochba*, Sheffield: Equinox Publishing 2015.

FREVEL, Christian, *Geschichte Israels* (Kohlhammer Studienbücher Theologie 2), Stuttgart: Kohlhammer 2018.

GERTZ, Jan Christian (Hrsg.), *Grundinformation Altes Testament: Eine Einführung in Literatur, Religion und Geschichte des Alten Testaments*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Rupprecht 2010 (4. Aufl.).

3) Exegetical Methods and Biblical Hermeneutics:

BARTON, John, *The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1998.

BARTON, John, *Reading the Old Testament: Method in Biblical Study*, Louisville: John Knox Press 1996.

OEMING, Manfred, *Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics: An Introduction*, London: Routledge 2006.

Other recommended titles:

BRUEGGEMANN, Walter, *Texts under Negotiation: The Bible and postmodern Imagination*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press 1993.

CLINE, Eric H., *Three Stones Make a Wall: The Story of Archaeology*, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2018.

GRABBE, Lester L., *Ancient Israel: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?* London: T&T Clark 2007.

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New Testament

Entrance interview in the New Testament will examine applicant's knowledge in three introductory areas of NT studies: (1) exegetical methods, (2) introduction into the NT as literature, (3) historical and cultural environment of the NT writings. The extent of the required knowledge is covered exemplarily by the listed literature, for each area the respective items represent alternatives.

(1) Exegetical methods

EGGER, Wilhelm. *Methodenlehre zum Neuen Testament. Einführung in linguistische und historisch-kritische Methoden*. Freiburg, Basel, Wien: Herder, 1987.

HAYES, John H., a Carl R. HOLLADAY. *Biblical exegesis. A Beginner's Handbook*. Louisville, London: Westminster John Knox, 2007.

OEMING, Manfred. *Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics: An Introduction*. Alershot, Burlington: Routledge, 2006.

PORTER, Stanley E. (ed). *Handbook to Exegesis of the New Testament* (New Testament Tools and Studies 25). Leiden: Brill, 1997.

(2) Literary introduction into the New Testament

ACHTEMEIER, Paul J., Joel B. Green, Marianne M. Thompson. *Introducing the New Testament. Its Literature and Theology*. Grand Rapids, Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2001.

BROWN, Raymond Edward. *An Introduction to the New Testament* (Anchor Bible Reference Library). New York: Doubleday, 1997.

KOESTER, Helmut. *Introduction to the New Testament 2. History and Literature of Early Christianity*. New York: De Gruyter, 2000.

MARGUERAT, Daniel (ed.). *Introduction au Nouveau Testament: son histoire, son écriture, sa théologie*. Genève: Labor et Fides, 2008.

POKORNÝ, Petr, Ulrich HECKEL. *Einleitung in das Neue Testament: Seine Literatur und Theologie im Überblick* (UTB 2798). Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007.

SCHNELLE, Udo. *Einleitung in das Neue Testament* (UTB 1830). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2005.

(3) Historical and cultural environment of the New Testament writings

BROWN, Raymond Edward. *An Introduction to the New Testament* (Anchor Bible Reference Library). New York: Doubleday, 1997.

KOESTER, Helmut. *Introduction to the New Testament 1. History, Culture, and Religion of the Hellenistic Age*. New York: De Gruyter, 1995.

LOHSE, Eduard. *Umwelt des Neuen Testaments* (Grundrisse zum Neuen Testament). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1980.

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Church History

The interview usually begins with an examination of the reading of the applicants, but the examiners can also ask other questions aimed at determining the overall level of expertise.

The Pelican History of the Church 1-7. London: Penguin Books, 1960 and repeatedly.

GONZÁLEZ J. L. *A History of Christian Thought* 1-3. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1987², 400 + 362 + 496 p. ISBN 0-687-17185-7.

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Systematics Theology

Jan Milíč LOCHMAN, *The Faith We Confess. An Ecumenical Dogmatics*, Fortress Press 1984; T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh 1985.

Daniel MIGLIORE, *Faith Seeking Understanding. Introduction to Christian Theology*, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, ²2004.

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Department of Philosophy

1) Description of the examination

The applicant must read three of the philosophical works from the list below, from which she will present during the examination one selected by the examiners. After a previous arrangement with the examiners he can choose another works of similar importance than listed below. The questions of the examiners will aim to find out whether the student sufficiently comprehended the read texts and what knowledge she has of the history of philosophy especially with respect to the Christian tradition.

2) Literature

Plato, *Symposium*, in: Cooper, John M. (ed.), 1997, *Plato: Complete Works*, Indianapolis: Hackett 1997 (or any other translation)

Plato, *Phaedo*, in: Cooper, John M. (ed.), 1997, *Plato: Complete Works*, Indianapolis: Hackett 1997 (or any other English translation)

Plato, *Phaedrus*, in: Cooper, John M. (ed.), 1997, *Plato: Complete Works*, Indianapolis: Hackett 1997 (or any other translation)

Augustine, *Confessions* [esp. the books X–XIII], Vol. I Books 1–8, Vol. II Books 9–13, transl. by Carolyn Hammond, MA: Harvard University Press (Loeb Classical Library), 2014–2016 (or any other translation).

Dionysius the Areopagite, *The Divine Names and Mystical Theology*, trans. J. Jones, Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 1980 (or any other translation)

Anselm of Canterbury, *Proslogion*, in: Davies, Brian, and G. R. Evans (ed.), 1998. *Anselm of Canterbury: The Major Works*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (or any other translation)

René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, trans. Michael Moriarty. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2008 (or any other translation).

G. W. Leibniz, *Theodicy: Essays on the Goodness of God, the Freedom on Man and the Origin of Evil*. Translated by E. M. Huggard. La Salle, IL: Open Court, 1985 (or any other translation).

I. Kant, *Prolegomena to any future metaphysics that will be able to come forward as science*, in: Allison, H., and Heath, P., (eds.), *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2002 (or any other translation).

I. Kant, *Groundwork of The metaphysics of moral*, in: Gregor, M., (ed.), *Practical Philosophy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1996 (or any other translation).

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