

Textual Criticism

Module Description

The course covers the question how did the texts of the Old and the New Testament come into existence, the history of the text, causes of textual corruption and guidelines for evaluating different readings.

Objectives

1. To have a basic understanding of the history of the text of the Old and the New Testament
2. To be aware of text-critical issues
3. To know what criteria are employed to determine the correctness of the text

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Hours

Textual Criticism is taught over 13 hours and requires 27 hours of self-directed study.