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COURSE BROCHURE

Biblical Interpretation And Christian Sources In Context Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 115997 · NQF Level 6 · 18 Credits · 15 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive framework for interpreting biblical texts within their historical, cultural, and literary contexts. It equips learners with critical skills to analyze Christian sources, evaluate interpretive methods, and apply contextual understanding to contemporary issues. The training is designed to enhance scholarly and practical competence in biblical hermeneutics.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	115997
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 18 Credits
Duration	15 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply historical-critical methods to analyze biblical passages in their original contexts.
- Evaluate the influence of cultural, social, and religious factors on the formation of Christian sources.
- Interpret key biblical themes and narratives using sound hermeneutical principles.
- Analyze the role of tradition and canon in shaping Christian doctrine and practice.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate contextual interpretations effectively in written and oral formats.
- Critically assess contemporary interpretations of biblical texts in light of historical context.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for pastors, theologians, religious educators, and lay leaders seeking to deepen their understanding of biblical interpretation.
- It is also suitable for students of theology or religious studies who wish to develop rigorous analytical skills.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Biblical Interpretation and Context

- What is biblical interpretation?
- The need for context: historical, cultural, literary.
- Overview of Christian sources: Scripture, tradition, reason, experience.
- Introduction to hermeneutical principles.
- The Wesleyan Quadrilateral as a framework.

Day 2: Historical-Cultural Context of the Old Testament

- Overview of Old Testament history: Patriarchs, Exodus, Monarchy, Exile.
- Ancient Near Eastern culture and its influence.
- Covenants and their significance.
- Case study: Interpreting the Law in context.

Day 3: Historical-Cultural Context of the New Testament

- Second Temple Judaism: sects, beliefs, practices.
- Greco-Roman world: philosophy, religion, social structures.
- The life and times of Jesus.
- Case study: Interpreting Paul's letters in their cultural setting.

Day 4: Literary Context and Genres

- Narrative, poetry, prophecy, apocalyptic, epistle, gospel.
- Features of Hebrew poetry: parallelism, imagery.
- Understanding apocalyptic symbolism.
- Genre-specific interpretive rules.

Day 5: Language and Translation Issues

- Overview of biblical languages.
- Translation theories: formal equivalence vs. dynamic equivalence.
- Comparing translations: KJV, NIV, ESV, NLT.
- Word studies: tools and pitfalls.

Day 6: Exegetical Methods and Tools

- The exegetical process: observation, interpretation, application.
- Tools: Bible software, concordances, lexicons.
- Commentaries: how to use them critically.
- Step-by-step exegesis of Philippians 2:5-11.

Day 7: Hermeneutical Approaches: Historical-Critical Methods

- Source criticism: JEDP hypothesis.
- Form criticism: oral traditions and genres.
- Redaction criticism: the editor's role.
- Canonical criticism: the final form of the text.

Day 8: Hermeneutical Approaches: Literary and Rhetorical Methods

- Narrative criticism: story analysis.
- Rhetorical criticism: persuasion techniques.
- Reader-response criticism: the role of the reader.
- Case study: The Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Day 9: Theological Interpretation and Canonical Context

- Theological interpretation: reading Scripture as God's word.
- Canonical context: Old and New Testament connections.
- Typology and prophecy fulfillment.
- Christocentric hermeneutics: Luke 24:27.

Day 10: The Role of Tradition and Creeds

- The early church fathers and their interpretive methods.
- The Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed.
- Reformation principles: sola scriptura.
- Tradition as a source of interpretation.

Day 11: Reason, Experience, and Contextualization

- Reason: logic, philosophy, and science in interpretation.
- Experience: personal testimony, charismatic gifts.
- Contextualization: African, Asian, Western perspectives.
- Case study: Interpreting 1 Timothy 2:11-15 in different contexts.

Day 12: Interpretation for Preaching and Teaching

- From exegesis to sermon: the bridge.
- Application: principles vs. specifics.
- Teaching methods for different audiences.
- Common errors: proof-texting, allegorizing.

Day 13: Handling Difficult Passages and Controversial Issues

- Violence in the Old Testament: herem.
- Passages on gender roles and sexuality.
- The problem of suffering and lament.
- Hermeneutical dialogue and disagreement.

Day 14: The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Interpretation

- The Spirit's role: inspiration and illumination.
- Balancing the Spirit and the Word.
- Lectio divina: reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation.
- Spiritual interpretation: allegory and the fourfold sense.

Day 15: Integration, Application, and Final Assessment

- Integrating methods: a holistic hermeneutic.
- Applying Scripture to modern ethical issues.
- Final project: exegesis paper or lesson plan.
- Course review and evaluation.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **18 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 53,500.00	R 53,500.00
1	In-House	R 69,500.00	R 69,500.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 80,200.00	R 80,200.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	02 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
14 Aug 2026	03 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	04 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	07 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

- 1. Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 115997) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
- 2. Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
- 3. Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
- 4. Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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