



## The European Academy of Coptic Heritage (TEACH)

### Course Title: Introduction to Old Testament – Year 1

**Level:** Certificate in Old Testament

**Academic Year:** 2025–2026

### Course Description

This course is designed to give students an understanding of the **history and development of the Coptic Version of the Old Testament**, including a survey of its stages of research, publication, and preservation. Students will explore the **manuscripts**, the **current state of preservation**, and the **use of the Coptic Old Testament within the Coptic Orthodox Church**.

The course will also discuss the value that this version contributes to our **Coptic Orthodox Christian knowledge and understanding** of the Scriptures.

No prior knowledge of the Coptic language is required. Assessment will be based on the lecture notes, assigned readings, and the students' comprehension as demonstrated in **midterm and final examinations**, consisting of multiple-choice questions, short answers, and short essays. A **project** may be substituted for the final examination only with the consent of the instructor.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

*(2 Timothy 3:16, NKJV)*

### Grading Criterion

- **Midterm:** 50%
- **Final Exam:** 50%

### Instructor Contact Information

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## Course Schedule

Class Lecture
Introduction of Christianity in Egypt and the Birth of the Coptic Version of the Bible. Coptic Dialects as the Vehicle to Transmit the Coptic Version of the Bible and Its Development History.
Stages of Research on the Coptic Old Testament (1): Stages 1 & 2
Stages of Research on the Coptic Old Testament (2): Stages 3 & 4
Stages of Research on the Coptic Old Testament (3): Stages 5 & 6
Stages of Research on the Coptic Old Testament (4): Stages 7 & 8
Stages of Research on the Coptic Old Testament (5): Stage 9
Manuscripts of the Coptic Old Testament
State of Preservation of the Coptic Old Testament
Survival of the Coptic Old Testament in the Contemporary Coptic Church
Value and Character of the Coptic Old Testament
Final Examination

## Textbook and Reference

**Takla, H. N.** *Introduction to the Coptic Old Testament*. Los Angeles, 2007 (= *Coptica* 6, 2007).

**Website:** [www.teach.eu.com](http://www.teach.eu.com)

## Delivery Method

The course will be delivered **entirely online** through the **TEACH Learning Management System (LMS)**.

- Lectures will be held live via **Zoom**.
- Students will have access to **recorded lectures**, **assigned readings**, and **discussion forums** for interactive learning.

## Duration

**October 2025 – June 2026**

## Certificate

Upon successful completion of the course and passing the midterm and final examinations, participants will receive a **Certificate of Completion** in *Introduction to the Old Testament – Year 1* from the **European Academy of Coptic Heritage (TEACH)**.