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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ISLA23, Islamology: Islam in the Age of the Empires, 7.5 credits

Islamologi: Islam i imperiernas tid, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-06-28 and was last revised on 2015-06-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-06-25, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. The course can be included in a general degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the main Muslim dynasties in the period 750-1922 CE
- account for the basic traits of the development of ideas in Islam
- account for symbolically important events and individuals in the history of the Muslim world
- account for the history of the Muslim world in relation to time and geography

Competence and skills

- assimilate and critically interpret texts on Muslim history
- discuss basic problems from the perspective of a scholarly approach to history with a certain degree of independence

Judgement and approach

- critically assess the use of historiography in Muslim debate, including public debate
- distinguish between Muslim and scholarly terminology
- take a position on how men and women have put their stamp on Muslim tradition and culture throughout history and in relation to prevailing social structures
- distinguish between the concepts historical fact and ideological interpretation

Course content

The course deals with the history of the Muslim world from 750, when the Umayyads were overthrown, to the end of the Ottoman empire in 1922 CE. The major dynasties such as the Abbasid, Osman, Safavid and Mogul dynasties are presented in overview. Furthermore, the course aims to describe the development of Islam during the period, with a certain focus on the development of Sufism, the emergence of theological literature and the systematisation of an Islamic history of ideas.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on two written assignments and a written exam.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed Islamology: Muhammad, the Quran and the Early History (ISLA22) or 30 higher education credits.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course syllabus is valid from 25 August 2011.

3. This course is identical to module 3 in Islamology: Level 1 (ISLA11).
4. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ISLA23, Islamology: Islam in the Age of the Empires

Applies from H11

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction