



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **RBVB37, Religious Behavioural Studies: Essay, 7.5 credits**

*Religionsbeteendevetenskap: Uppsatskurs, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-12-11 and was last revised on 2016-12-07. The revised syllabus applies from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

History of Religions

Religious Studies and Theology

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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

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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for previous research within religious behavioural science on the area addressed in the paper
- discuss the difference between primary sources, previous research and handbooks, study resources and other types of material
- explain the characteristics of an academic paper in contrast to other genres/text types, such as journalistic features or opinion pieces

### Competence and skills

- produce a minor academic paper based on a predetermined problem area
- select and assess published research of relevance to the paper
- present and discuss the topic in writing in correct Swedish.
- use a system for citations, references and bibliographies that is acceptable in academic contexts

### Judgement and approach

- distinguish between scholarly and religious perspectives
- apply good judgement to the assessment of different perspectives in previous research on the topic
- perceptively identify their need of further knowledge on the topic

### Course content

The course enables the students to practise taking on an independent assignment that is to be presented in a minor paper. The aim of the course is to provide students with an introduction to and training in academic writing. Based on a predetermined problem area within religious behavioural science, the students write an academic papers individually or in pairs. The students are to presents parts of their work that will be read and commented on by other students on the course. The course is concluded with a compulsory seminar at which the student will critically review the paper of a fellow student and defend their own paper.

### Course design

The teaching consists of seminars, lectures and two mandatory individual tutorials.

### Assessment

The assessment is based on the writing of a minor paper of approximately 40,000 characters including spaces, a cover sheet, table of contents and list of references, and a final defence seminar.

*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, the student must have passed Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1 (CTRA12/CTRD12/CTRA11/CTRD01) or History of Religions: Level 1 (RHIA12/RHIA11) or Islamic Studies: Level 1 (ISLA11) or Jewish Studies: Level 1 (JUDA11) or 30 credits in sociology or the equivalent.

**Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is module 2 of RBVB13.
3. 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 RBVB37, Religious Behavioural Studies: Essay

Applies from V16

1501 Essay, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction