RHBB03, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Level 2, 15 credits

Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap: Fortsättningskurs, 15 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 2015-12-08 to be valid from 2016-01-18, spring semester 2016.

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

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, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding
• account for the role and function of religion in present-day society, using theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish
• account for and compare a selection of past and present religio-political expressions  
• summarise and explain some models for understanding religio-political expressions from religious studies, political science and sociology

Competence and skills
• explain, analyse and interpret the situation and function of religion in present-day society, using theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism  
• describe, analyse and interpret how religious texts and historical processes are used to sanction political and/or ideological positions and to legitimise what is a correct life style  
• critically assimilate research about religion and politics in Swedish and English

Judgement and approach
• take a critical position on theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism  
• distinguish, compare and take a position on religious and scientific terminology  
• critically assess the contents of religio-political statements

Course content
The first part of the course introduces the students to theories that explain present-day society and their ability to explain the place and function of religion in present-day society. The students are introduced to theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism and practise discussing the relevance of these theories to the study of religion. The later stage of the course explores the close relation between religion and politics throughout history and in several cultural contexts. Furthermore, it deals with modern religious uses of history and political/ideological interpretations of religious texts from a historical perspective.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Religion and Society Today, 7.5 credits  
2. Religion and Politics in History, 7.5 credits

Course design
The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment
The assessment of module 1 is based on a take-home exam.

The assessment of module 2 is based on a take-home 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.
For a grade Pass on the whole course, students must have been awarded this grade on both modules.

For a grade Pass with Distinction on the whole course, students must have been awarded this grade on both modules.

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 the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
3. Module 1 can also be taken as a freestanding course (RHBB31). Module 2 can also be taken as a freestanding course (RHBB32).
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 RHBB03, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Level 2

Applies from V16

1501 Religion and Society Today, 7.5 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
1502 Religion and Politics in History, 7.5 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction