Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHBB32, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Religion and Politics in History, 7.5 credits
Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap: Religion och politik i historien, 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 2015-12-01 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
History of Religions
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, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- 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**
- 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**
- distinguish, compare and take a position on religious and scientific terminology
- critically assess the contents of religio-political statements

**Course content**
The course examines the close relationship 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.

**Course design**
The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

**Assessment**
The assessment 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.

**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**

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This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish.
1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. It is module 2 of the course History of Religions and Behavioural Science of Religion: Level 2 (RHBB03).
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 RHBB32, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Religion and Politics in History

Applies from V16

1501 Religion and Politics in History, 7,5 hp
   Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction