



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHIA23, History of Religions: Ancient Religions, 7.5 credits

*Religionshistoria: Antikens och forntidens religiösa liv, 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 2015-03-17 to be valid from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

History of Religions

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- account for basic features of Greek and Roman religion and Old Norse religion
- provide a general account of the mutual interaction and impact of the different religious traditions
- exemplify how these traditions are used as identity markers and in different present-day manifestations of culture, such as fiction, film and art

Competence and skills

- apply methods of source criticism in a basic manner
- independently formulate and process simple issues concerning the study of ancient religions and their significance in the present

Judgement and approach

- judge the documentary value of different types of sources that are used to study classical and ancient religions

Course content

The course deals with the religions of Antiquity and pre-Christian Europe. The focus is mainly placed on old Greek, Roman and Norse religion. Key concepts and religious practices are addressed, and the present-day significance of the traditions as identity markers and in fiction, film, art or other manifestations of culture is discussed.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The course is assessed on the basis of a research assignment and a final 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

General and courses corresponding to the following Swedish Upper Secondary School Programs: History 1 and Social Studies 1 or History A and Social Studies A

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is included as module 4 in the course History of Religions: Level 1 (RHIA12).
3. The course replaces RHIA21.
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.
5. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in RHIA23, History of Religions: Ancient Religions

Applies from H15

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