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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHIB37, History of Religions: Religion and Text, 7.5 credits

Religionshistoria: Religion och text, 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 2015-12-10 and was last revised on 2016-12-01. 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 with specialisation 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

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Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- describe how a selected religious text has emerged and gained religious authority, and how it can be used in ideological and ritual contexts
- formulate an issue based on the subject of religion and text with a clear aim and question
- explain what characterises an academic paper in comparison with other genres/text types, for example a newspaper feature or a political opinion piece

Competence and skills

- produce a minor paper on the subject of religion and text
- select and assess academic texts of relevance to the assignment
- present and discuss the topic in writing in intelligible Swedish
- use a system for quotations, references and bibliography that is acceptable in academic contexts

Judgement and approach

- distinguish between a scholarly and a religious perspective on a religious text.

Course content

The course enables the student to practise taking on an independent assignment that is to be reported in a minor paper. The aim of the course is to introduce and provide training in academic writing. The assignment is limited to an oral or written text of significance for the history of religion, chosen jointly with the examiner and studied closely. The text can be a thousand years old or produced in the present. Among the topics that can be addressed are the processes of canonisation, mediation, commentaries, scholarly and religious interpretative perspectives or ritual text use.

Course design

The teaching consists of supervision and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a minor paper of approximately 40,000 characters with spaces, including a cover page, table of contents and list of references, and on 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, students must have 30 credits within the humanities, social sciences or law.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is module 2 of RHIB13.
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 RHIB37, History of Religions: Religion and Text

Applies from H15

1501 Religion and Text, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction