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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation, 7.5 credits

Religionshistoria: Fördjupningskurs, 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 2016-05-23 to be valid from 2016-08-29, autumn 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 may be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

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

History of Religions

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 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

- account for different forms of rites
- account for the role of the rite for identity formation and mediation of tradition
- account for the significance of the ritual space

Competence and skills

- analyse ritual discourse
- analyse the relationship between the practitioners' and the researchers' models of the rite and relate it to the societal context.

Judgement and approach

- assess the importance of rites from a gender and ethnicity perspective
- distinguish between religious and scientific models.

Course content

The subject of the course is lived religion: traditional and creative rituals. The course expands the study of lived religion by focusing on ritual practice, illustrated by rites from different contexts, e.g. temple rites in Asia, modern goddess rites, rites of Judaism and Islam, rites of aborigines and new age rites. Among the topics addressed are ritual texts, rites as mediation of tradition, iconography and architecture, the creation of new rites in present-day society, and the significance of rites for cultural and social identity.

Course design

The course mainly consists of independent study. This is complemented with lectures and a final review seminar.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a take-home exam comprising approximately 8-10 pages. *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 History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Level 2 (RHBB03) as well as History of Religions: Level 2 (RHIB13) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.

2. It replaces RHIC11.
3. The course is module 2 of RHIK03.
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 RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation

Applies from H16

1601 Specialisation, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction