

**RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation, 7,5 credits**  
*Religionshistoria: Fördjupningskurs, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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## 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 and was last revised on 2023-03-09. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-03-15, autumn semester 2023.

## General Information

The course is offered as a stand-alone 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 and English

Main field of studies	Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Studies	G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
History of Religions	G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## 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 in shaping identity and preserving traditions
- 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, the rites of Judaism and Islam, the rites of aboriginal peoples 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. Additionally, instruction takes place through lectures and a compulsory final review seminar. Absence may be compensated for with a written assignment in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a take-home exam comprising approximately 8-10 pages.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*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**

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- It replaces RHIC11.

- The course is module 2 of RHIK03.
- The credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.

## Subcourses in RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation

Applies from H23

2301 Specialisation, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H16

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