



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH77, Religion and Sports, 7.5 credits

Religion and Sports, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-10-14 to be valid from 2013-10-14, spring semester 2014.

General Information

Subject: Religious Studies and Theology

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It can normally be included in a general first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

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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 student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give a general account of the place of religion and sport in modern society
- be able to account for the religious, social, economic and political changes that have contributed to the establishment of sport as a social movement in Sweden
- be able to account for the past and present position of sport in modern Christianity, Judaism and Islam
- be able to account for the relationship between migration, religion and sport

Competence and skills

- be able to interpret and analyse the relationship between religious change/secularisation and different types of sporting activities
- be able to provide examples of the religious and political potential of sport in a few major social conflicts
- be able to discuss the ways in which sport, physicality, ritual and theology can be related

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically discuss and take a position on sport as a space for identity-formation and distinction in different religious and confessional groups
- be able to problematise the relationship between religion and sport from a gender perspective.

Course content

The course addresses and problematises the relationship between religion and sports in modern society (from approximately 1850 to the present), focusing primarily on Sweden. Among the issues discussed are the relationship between the status of religion in society and the establishment of sports as a social movement, and the consequences of the increased interest in sports on Christianity. The course also outlines the relationship between religion and sports in Islam and Judaism, and the role of sports in a society of religious pluralism. The issue of the political and religious/theological potential and position of sport as a cultural, religious and social force is also problematised.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, film screenings and compulsory seminars, which can be part of lecture sessions. Absence from seminars can be compensated for by written assignments in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

Assessment

The assessment is based on oral and written reports of seminar assignments, attendance and active participation in the compulsory final seminar and a final individual written assignment.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. 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.
3. International exchange students are exempted from the requirement of proficiency in Swedish.

Subcourses in SASH77, Religion and Sports

Applies from H13

1301 Religion and Sports, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A