



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TRVN04, Religious Roots of Europe: Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, 10 credits

Religious Roots of Europe: Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, 10 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-04-16 and was last revised on 2018-10-24 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2018-10-24, spring semester 2019.

General Information

The course is included in the Master of Arts programme The Religious Roots of Europe. It can also be taken as a freestanding course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Religious Roots of Europe

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to independently identify and account for the main lines of the traditions of philosophy, wisdom, and mysticism current during late Antiquity
- be able to independently be able to discern and analyse some important examples of wisdom traditions, mysticism, and theological reflection in early Christianity, early Islam and contemporary Judaism, against the background of contemporary wisdom traditions and philosophical schools of late Antiquity
- be able to summarise and account for the way in which wisdom traditions, mysticism, and theological reflection emerged, were transmitted and changed

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

within Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in interaction with wisdom traditions, philosophy, religious practice and sacred texts of late Antiquity and the religions mentioned above

Competence and skills

- be able to read and analyse source texts in translation
- be able to independently compare different attitudes to the development of theology and philosophy in the different traditions
- take a position on interpretations of key passages on the basis of specialised knowledge of historical-critical methods
- be able to argue for an independent position in a research assignment

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically compare traditions of wisdom, philosophy, and mysticism in late Antiquity, and relate these to present-day perspectives.

Course content

The theology and wisdom traditions of early Christianity, early Islam and contemporary Judaism are compared with each other and with the traditions of philosophy, wisdom, and mysticism in late Antiquity. The course includes independent study of secondary sources, but also reading and interpretation of primary sources from late Antiquity and a comparative study of primary sources of the three religions.

Course design

The course is offered partially as a distance learning course and makes use of a teaching platform and/or digital tools. It presupposes that students who enrol on the course understand these conditions and have access to a computer with internet connection. Further information is available from the department regarding technical requirements. Teaching also includes lectures and seminars in the form of a compact seminar. A compact seminar consists of 3 to 5 days of all-day tuition. Submission of written assignments and a final exam paper is compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written exam paper of 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, students must have a Bachelor's degree in the relevant main field and 20 credits in Latin, Greek, Arabic or Hebrew.

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.

Subcourses in TRVN04, Religious Roots of Europe: Philosophy and
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Applies from H12

1201 Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions, 10,0 hp
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