



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**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-04-16 and was valid from 2012-04-16, autumn semester 2012.

### **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*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

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### **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 philosophy and wisdom traditions current during late Antiquity
- be able to independently be able to discern and analyse some important examples of wisdom traditions 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 and theological reflection emerged, were transmitted and changed 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 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 relate the philosophical and religious reflection of late Antiquity to present-day theological and religious reflection.

### **Course content**

The theology and wisdom traditions of early Christianity, early Islam and contemporary Judaism are compared with each other and with the philosophy and wisdom traditions of 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 a written assignment is compulsory. The extent of the students' participation in the online teaching, submitted assignments and compact seminar determines the extent to which they can choose subject and literature for the examined assignment independently. If a student has completed or passed less than 80% of the assignments or not attended the compact seminar, the examiner will decide on the subject and literature for the student's examined assignment.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a written assignment of 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, 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 Wisdom Traditions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Applies from H12

1201 Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions, 10,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction