



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ARKN04, The Archaeology of Religion, advanced course, 15 credits

Religionsarkeologi på avancerad nivå, 15 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 2008-11-24 to be valid from 2008-11-24, spring semester 2009.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: English

The course is normally taught in English. It can be taught in Swedish if an agreement is reached between the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of Swedish.

Main field of studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

Historical Osteology

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

Historical Archaeology

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

Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

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

Archaeology

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

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to highly independently account for interpretations of the concepts of cosmology, mythology and ritual in different forms of religion

Competence and skills

- be able to discuss different possibilities of interpretation for archaeological material culture and written sources with good insight
- be able to write and defend a second-cycle research report on an independently formulated issue

Judgement and approach

- be able to reflect on and critically discuss present-day interest in and use of ancient forms of religion.

Course content

The course provides specialised knowledge of Nordic and non-Nordic research in the archaeology of religion. The aim is to analyse key issues of religious studies such as cosmology, mythology and ritual in relation to different archaeological contexts, e.g. pre-historic Nordic and Mediterranean religion, Graeco-Roman religion, Nordic paganism, Sami religion and medieval Nordic Christianity. Furthermore, the course provides students with knowledge and tools to reflect on how ancient ideas can be analysed and interpreted through archaeological and written sources. The course also deals with modern constructions and uses of ancient forms of religion.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. The seminars are compulsory. In cases where there is no relevant required reading, the lectures are also compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is normally based on written assignments and oral presentations, but subject to an agreement with the students other forms of examination may occur.

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 passed ARKX31, ARKX32, HOSK01, AKSX31, ARKK01 or the equivalent.

Further information

1. 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 ARKN04, The Archaeology of Religion, advanced course

Applies from H09

0801 Examination, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction