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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

CTRA12, Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1, 30 credits

Religionsvetenskap och teologi: Grundkurs, 30 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2014-11-18 and was last revised on 2016-11-01. The revised syllabus applies from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It is included in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology.

The course can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology

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 students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and account for different societal, cultural and historical perspectives on religion
- identify and account for the basic teachings and practice, historical emergence and written records of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, aboriginal traditions and other religious traditions
- account for the contents and historical background of the books of the Bible
- identify and account for a few different perspectives, theories and methods of ethics, the philosophy of religion and systematic theology

Competence and skills

- interpret and analyse religious texts from different traditions and eras
- summarise and comment on the scholarly approach to religious phenomena
- argue in writing for a position supported by theories and concepts of religious studies

Judgement and approach

- assess the role played by gender within religious traditions, in religious texts and in religious studies
- scientifically assess the importance of religions for society and culture in the past and present

Course content

The course addresses the religions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism and a selection of other religious traditions focusing on the teaching, practice, texts and historical development. In particular, the contents and historical background of the Old and New Testament and the roots, historical development and present-day manifestations of Christianity are studied in detail. Furthermore, the course introduces a selection of scientific models that are used to provide social, cultural and historical perspectives on religion. Students exercise the ability to critically reflect on religions, faiths and positions on life from the perspective of philosophical and ethical theories.

The course consists of five modules:

1. History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science I, 6 credits
2. History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science II, 6 credits
3. Biblical Studies, 6 credits
4. Church and Mission Studies, 6 credits
5. Studies in Faiths and World Views, 6 credits

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Online seminars may be included. It is assumed that the student has access to a computer with Internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Assessment

Module 1 is assessed on the basis of an Internet-based repetition exercise and a written exam.

Module 2 is assessed on the basis of a written exam.

Module 3 is assessed on the basis of a written exam.

Module 4 is assessed on the basis of a written exam.

Module 5 is assessed on the basis of a written exam.

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.

To be awarded the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules.

To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on three modules and the grade of Pass on the remaining modules.

Entry requirements

General requirements and studies equivalent of the courses History 1b or 1a1+1a2 and Social Studies 1b or 1a1+1a2 from Swedish Upper Secondary School.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course replaces CTRA11. The course is identical to CTRD12 and may not be included in a degree together with this course.
3. 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.
4. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
5. Swedish module titles:
 1. Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap I
 2. Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap II
 3. Bibelvetenskap
 4. Kyrko- och missionsstudier
 5. Tros- och livsåskådningsvetenskap

Subcourses in CTRA12, Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1

Applies from V15

- 1401 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1402 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1403 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1404 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1405 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction