



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## CTRD06, Christianity and War, 7.5 credits

*Kristendom och krig, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2019-08-27 to be valid from 2019-08-27, spring semester 2020.

### General Information

Subject: Religious Studies and Theology

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- identify and describe the significance of some key theologically motivated approaches to war
- account for some important trends and motives for the Crusades during the Middle Ages
- provide examples of ecclesiastical activities in the Swedish armed forces during Sweden's period as a great power

### **Competence and skills**

- in a general way, compare the relationship between the church and the army and the different assignments and conditions for army chaplains during selected periods in history
- in a basic way, analyse a sermon directed at soldiers in the field

### **Judgement and approach**

- in a simple but critical way, analyse different Christian positions on war.

### **Course content**

An eye for an eye or turn the other cheek? For a long time, Christianity and war have gone hand in hand. The course looks at how Christian theology and practice have approached war at different times in history and, in turn, have been influenced by war. In which ways have Christian theologians argued for whether or not a Christian person can be a soldier, participate in war and kill other human beings? The course covers thoughts on pacifism, justifiable war and holy war, as well as the cooperation between the church and the army in practice. Which assignments and conditions have army chaplains had at different times? What have they preached to soldiers in war? The course provides a broad overview of 2000 years of church and military history with a focus on two periods in particular: the Crusades of the Middle Ages and Sweden's period as a great power.

### **Course design**

The course is offered as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate according to these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Teaching includes continuous activity on the course platform and approximately five recorded lectures made available progressively during the course.

Lectures are based on the required reading and are thematically focused. Lectures are to be viewed as a complement to the student's own study of the required reading.

The language of instruction is Swedish, however, the student is assumed to be sufficiently proficient to benefit from the required reading in English.

### **Assessment**

Assessment of the course is based on two written assignments as well as a final take-home exam.

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.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must also have been awarded this grade on at least one of the written assignments as well as on the final take-home exam.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed 30 credits in any subject.

## Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, 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 CTRD06, Christianity and War

Applies from V20

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction