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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

CTRD09, Biblical Sexuality: Sex, Power and Love in Antiquity, 7.5 credits

Biblisk sexualitet: sex, makt och kärlek i antiken, 7,5 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 2020-01-16 to be valid from 2020-01-16, spring semester 2020.

General Information

Subject: Theology and Religious Studies

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

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

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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

- provide a general account of how sexuality is perceived and used in texts from Antiquity, from the Hebrew Bible to early Christianity
- identify similarities and differences in the ways sexuality is portrayed in different texts and times, with biblical texts as a starting point
- provide a basic account of how sexual language influences the theology of different texts

Competence and skills

- discuss and problematise sexuality as a historical process
- discuss and problematise the role of sexuality in biblical and antique texts as a part of this historical process

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate awareness of historical and contemporary perspectives on gender and minority groups
- demonstrate a basic ability to approach theologies of biblical texts from a queer perspective

Course content

The course covers the role of sexuality in three different contexts: in Ancient Greece, the Hebrew Bible and in early Christianity. The course problematises the image of sexuality as something homogenous with a focus on chosen texts from the time between ca. 500 BCE to 500 CE. The course provides students with knowledge of different contexts and texts in which the role of sexuality is important and has played a significant role for subsequent religious traditions. The course also provides students with the tools to approach different sexualities in the Bible and the sexual theologies that emerge from it.

Course design

The course is offered as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and digital tools. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an Internet connection. Teaching consists of recorded lectures, written reading instructions and seminar exercises. Participation at all seminars is compulsory. Absence from seminars and activities may be compensated for in the form of a written assignment.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on one final written assignment and three written seminar exercises.

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 the grade of Pass, in addition to participation in all course components and compulsory seminars, students must have been awarded a Pass on the seminar texts and on the final assignment. For the grade of Pass with Distinction, students must

also have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the final assignment.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

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 CTRD09, Biblical Sexuality: Sex, Power and Love in Antiquity

Applies from V20

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