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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

CTRR21, Religious Studies and Theology: Jesus and Paul among Jews and Gentiles, 7.5 credits

Religionsvetenskap och teologi: Jesus och Paulus bland judar och hedningar, 7,5 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 2012-06-07 and was last revised on 2016-04-27 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

Subject: Religious Studies and Theology

The course is offered as a freestanding course. The course may be included as an elective component of the Master of Arts (120 credits) programme in Religious Studies and Theology. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English and Swedish

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- account for relevant terminology of New Testament Studies and Jewish Studies, especially of rabbinic literature
- provide a general description of the last decades of research about Jesus from Nazareth and St. Paul from Tarsus as historical individuals, their historical context

and their theology

Competence and skills

- analyse New Testament texts in translation and other texts of significance for this research area, especially in comparison with tannaite rabbinic literature

Judgement and approach

- critically assess different reconstructions of the early Jesus movement and of the historical development of the emerging Christianity during the first two centuries of the common era
- take a critical position on different interpretations in current debates and research about Jesus and St. Paul as historical individuals

Course content

Based on the last decades of New Testament Studies research about Jesus from Nazareth and St. Paul from Tarsus, students practise reading the gospels about Jesus and the epistles of St. Paul in parallel with tannaite (and to a certain extent amoraite) literature and other contemporary and relevant sources. During the study visit to Jerusalem, the students are provided with specialised knowledge and understanding of Second Temple Judaism through lectures and field trips to museums and excavations. Furthermore, examples of present-day Jewish faith is studied, for example the observance of the Sabbath which illustrates the continuity and contrast between ancient and modern Judaism.

Course design

The teaching consists of two compulsory whole days in Lund (absence is to be compensated for by written assignments) as well as a final whole day examination. The students are furthermore invited to participate in a study visit of approximately twenty days to the Swedish Theological Institute in Jerusalem. However, this component is optional.

Assessment

The assessment of the course is based on an independently written paper to be discussed at a whole day seminar in Lund.

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 at least 90 credits in Religious Studies including at least 45 credits in Biblical Studies or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The number of participants in the study trip to the Swedish Theological Institute in Jerusalem is limited. The study trip may include certain costs.
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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in CTRR21, Religious Studies and Theology: Jesus and Paul among Jews and Gentiles

Applies from H12

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction