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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

CTRR23, Religious Studies and Theology: Method Course - Second Cycle, 15 credits

*Religionsvetenskap och teologi: Metodkurs - 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 2012-11-28 to be valid from 2012-11-28, spring semester 2013.

General Information

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Theology and Religious Studies and can be included in a general first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Normally Swedish, but it may be taught in English.

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 student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to describe and discuss general theoretical and methodological issues of relevance to theology and religious studies
- be able to account for the way in which a method is chosen for a research question and how the choice affects the research process and outcomes

Competence and skills

- be able to independently collect, assess and critically review relevant information for the chosen subject and its sub-disciplines
- be able to refer to relevant methods and theories in order to solve a research question

Judgement and approach

- be able to relate their analyses to and assess them with regard to the discipline's historical context and current international debate
- be able to critically approach a minor research issue informed by an empirical and theoretical awareness
- be able to assess and take a position on central perspectives in current debate in one of the sub-disciplines of the subjects.

Course content

The course consists of three parts. The first part is common to all students and addresses general questions on academic writing, argumentation and the theory of science and provides an overview of methodology in theology and religious studies. In the second part, the students are divided into groups based on their methodological orientation and gain detailed theoretical knowledge through lectures and exercises. The third part consists of individual and group work, preferably supervised by the supervisor of the Master's thesis. The work is based on the literature of relevance to the student's project and consists of exercises related to the student's primary source material.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Academic Writing, Argumentation and Theory of Science, 5 credits,
2. Specialised Methodology, 5 credits,
3. Group/Individual Exercise, 5 credits.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises and approximately 5 compulsory seminars. Absence from seminars can be compensated for by written assignments in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

Assessment

Examination on the course takes the following forms:

Module 1 is examined through a take-home exam

Module 2 is examined continuously through written and oral assignments at the compulsory seminars

Module 3 is examined through three assignments of approximately 5 pages each, written and, if teaching takes place as group work, presented by the student.

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 on all assessed components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least two of the three parts of the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining part.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have a Bachelor's degree.

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.
2. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
3. The sub-course names in Swedish:
 1. Akademiskt skrivande, argumentation och vetenskapsteori,
 2. Specialiserad metodkurs,
 3. Övningsgrupper/individuella övningar.

Subcourses in CTRR23, Religious Studies and Theology: Method Course - Second Cycle

Applies from V13

- 1201 Academic Writing, Argumentation and Theory of Science, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1202 Specialised Methodology, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1203 Group/Individual Exercises, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction