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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **HTXB01, The Transmission of Premodern Texts - Interdisciplinary Introduction Course, 7.5 credits**

*Äldre texters förmedling - tvärvetenskaplig introduktionskurs, 7,5  
högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2014-09-17 and was last revised on 2016-05-31 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**

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It 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**

- account for the material aspects of the transmission of premodern texts with regard to manuscript history, book history and the development of writing
- explain basic concepts that are used in the study of the transmission of premodern texts
- describe different principles and methods of scholarly editions of texts

### **Competence and skills**

- apply basic terminology for the study of the transmission of premodern texts
- identify basic types of writing in manuscripts and different types of text editions
- perform simple transcription exercises

### **Judgement and approach**

- make basic assessments of the importance of the transmission of premodern texts for our knowledge of the past.

### **Course content**

The course provides students with basic knowledge of, on the one hand, material aspects of the transmission of texts- manuscript history, book history and the development of writing- and, on the other, an introduction to the terms, principles and methods of scholarly text editions. The course deals with specific issues of manuscripts and their transmission history, different forms of writing, and editions of handwritten and printed primary material from Antiquity to the modern age in classical and modern languages. Furthermore, the course highlights the objectives and methods of textual criticism, and issues of publication technology. The three key components of the course are (a) Introduction to classical and medieval book history and philology; (b) Manuscript history (codicology) and the development of Western writing from Antiquity up to the 19th century; (c) Text editions and textual criticism.

### **Course design**

The course is offered entirely 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. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

The teaching consists of six timetabled compulsory seminars and group discussions.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on active participation at seminars and on a final written take-home exam. The take-home exam partly consists of assignments set at the seminars. Absence from more than two of the seminars can be compensated for by written assignments in accordance with the lecturer's instructions. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on the take-home 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.  
The grades awarded are Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have 30 credits in an optional subject or the equivalent.

## **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.
3. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in HTXB01, The Transmission of Premodern Texts -  
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Applies from H14

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