



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**ILHB14, History of Ideas: Science or Religion - From the  
Scientific Revolution to Intelligent Design, 7.5 credits**  
*Idé- och lärdoms historia: Vetenskap eller religion, 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 2007-06-18 to be valid from 2007-06-18, autumn semester 2007.

### General Information

Subject: The History of Ideas

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

History of Ideas and Sciences

*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 student shall

#### Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of how the ideological and cultural debate regarding religion and science has developed throughout history
- be able to discern the political, ideological and cultural consequences of the debate regarding science and religion historically and in the present.

### **Competence and skills**

- be able to discuss the importance of the debate on science and religion today, both in Sweden and internationally
- be able to formulate and delimit a research issue through the production of an assessed written assignment.

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to evaluate the main features of the ideological, political and cultural importance of the debate on science and religion today.

### **Course content**

The course deals with the various religious and scientific understandings of the world, their similarities and their differences. It discusses how both these understandings have developed throughout history and how they have competed with and been confronted by each other. Emphasis is on the present situation, and how religious understanding of the world has taken on a new shape in the form of the movement for "intelligent design" and is challenging science from new angles.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

### **Assessment**

Examinations take the form of an assessed written assignment.

*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**

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

### **Further information**

1. The course replaces ILH429.
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.
3. Together with other 7.5 credit courses making up a minimum of 22.5 credits, this course gives eligibility to ILHA11 History of Ideas, Level 1. These 7.5 credit courses can be selected from the following disciplines: General History of Ideas, General Cultural History and General History of Mentality with both a Western

European and non-Western European specialisation.

Subcourses in ILHB14, History of Ideas: Science or Religion - From the  
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Applies from H07

0701 Examination, 7,5 hp  
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