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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ILHB33, Classics of Western Thought, 7.5 credits
Det västerländska tänkandets klassiker, 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 2019-06-04 to be valid from 2019-06-04, spring semester 2020.

General Information

Subject: History of Ideas and Sciences

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

Language of instruction: English

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

- account in general for the contents of some of the classical works of the western history of ideas, in philosophy and political ideas as well as in science and religion
- identify fundamental periods in the western history of ideas

Competence and skills

- orally discuss different strategies to interpret theoretical works
- formulate and delimit an issue in a short text

Judgement and approach

- assess the cultural, political and scientific significance of theoretical works of key significance to the history of ideas

Course content

The course involves study of some of the key works in the western history of ideas from Antiquity to the modern period. The term classical refers to work that has been influential and remains significant for an understanding of present-day culture. Philosophical, religious and political ideas as well as different specialised disciplines are all taken into account. The selection of texts is used to provide an overview of important currents of ideas and their mutual interaction as well as of the relationship between the societies in which they emerged. Different strategies of reading and interpreting texts will be practised and discussed.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and approximately seven compulsory seminars. The seminars address different approaches to reading and interpreting texts. Absence from the seminars is to be compensated for by an assignment in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

Assessment

The assessment is based on 2-3 written home assignments. (Short and long papers.)

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, E, D, C, B, A.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences, 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

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in ILHB33, Classics of Western Thought

Applies from V20

2001 Classics of Western Thought, 7,5 hp
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