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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ISLA21, Islamology: Present Day Islamic Discussions, 7.5 credits

Islamologi: Nutida islamiska diskussioner, 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 2011-06-28 and was last revised on 2023-03-08. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-03-15, autumn semester 2023.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Studies

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

- on a general level, be able to give an account of the central issues of Islamology,
- on a general level, be able to give an account of the contemporary history of Islam and its relation to reinterpretations of Islam,
- illustrate how Islam can be interpreted with special emphasis on present-day relations,
- account for basic concepts, terms and ideas within Islam

Competence and skills

- compare the distinctive features for some important branches of Islam and

- discuss similarities or differences,
- critically examine their own texts and those of others
- express themselves in writing with a basic scientific approach,

Judgement and approach

- critically assess statements and descriptions about religion in media and public debates,
- evaluate and understand central processes that are important in interpretations of Islam today,
- take a critical position on different religious statements and manifestations.

Course content

In the course, an overview is given of the different subjects, processes and questions that are current in the subject area Islamology. Furthermore, the interplay between the traditions of Islam, historical change and Muslims' religious expressions in present times is discussed. Furthermore, the different specialisations of Islam, its central texts and basic theology are discussed.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on two take-home assignments and a written exam.

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, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For the grade of Pass, the student must have been awarded pass on all written assignments and the written examination. For the grade of Pass with distinction, one of two written assignments must be awarded the grade Pass with distinction along with the written examination.

Entry requirements

General requirements and studies equivalent of the courses History 1b or 1a1+1a2 and Social Studies 1b or 1a1+1a2 from Swedish Upper Secondary School.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- This course is identical to module 1 in Islamology: Level 1 (ISLA11).
- The credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.

Subcourses in ISLA21, Islamology: Present Day Islamic Discussions

Applies from H23

2301 Contemporary Islamic Discussions, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H11

1101 Contemporary Islamic Discussions, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction