



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ISLA22, Islamology: Muhammad, The Quran and the Formative History, 7.5 credits

*Islamologi: Muhammad, Koranen och den tidiga historien, 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 2015-06-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-06-25, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. The course can be included in a general degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

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*

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 basic knowledge of the function of history as an interpretative frame in Muslim history
- account for the life of Muhammad and his religious and political role
- provide a general account of the contents and history of the Quran
- account for the basic features of Muslim historiography
- account for the symbolic importance of events and personalities in Muslim historiography

Competence and skills

- search, sift and critically analyse different types of information of relevance to Islamic Studies

Judgement and approach

- critically assess the use of historiography in Muslim debate, including public debate
- distinguish between Muslim and scholarly terminology,
- distinguish between the concept historical fact and the concept ideological interpretation

Course content

The course deals with the life of Muhammad and the period after Muhammad, the four first caliphs and the Umayyad Caliphate. It highlights the religious, social, political, economic and cultural situation in the period 500-750 CE. The course also addresses the history and contents of the Quran.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and compulsory group exercises.

Assessment

The assessment is based on two written assignments and a written 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.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed the course Islamology: Present-Day Islamic Discussions (ISLA21) or 30 credits.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course syllabus is valid from 25 August 2011.
3. The course is identical to module 2 in Islamology: Level 1 (ISLA11).
4. The course replaces ISLB01/ISLB51.

5. 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.

Subcourses in ISLA22, Islamology: Muhammad, The Quran and the Formative History

Applies from H11

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction