



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ISLK04, Islamic Studies: Level 3, 30 credits

Islamologi: Kandidatkurs, 30 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 2017-06-29 and was last revised on 2024-09-04 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2024/540). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-03-10 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

General information

The course is offered as a stand-alone course. It can be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of Specialisation study

History of Religions G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students are to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in speech and writing a specialised understanding of a chosen topic or problem area in Islamology
- pursue an advanced discussion about the difference between primary sources and previous research and handbooks, study resources and other material
- demonstrate specialised knowledge within the topic of Islamology chosen for the degree project
- summarise the current research situation of the chosen issue

- provide a structured account of the most important methods for material and data collection in the field of religious studies

Competence and skills

- plan and lead a seminar
- discern, formulate and discuss research problems from different perspectives and different methodological traditions
- independently identify, formulate and solve an issue of a scholarly nature
- independently choose and apply methods and theories suitable to address an issue
- independently seek, collect, critically interpret and discuss information of relevance to a chosen research assignment
- present, discuss and analyse in writing different positions and arguments in good Swedish or English
- use a system of referencing and bibliographies accepted within Islamology
- perform a critical review of another student's degree project

Judgement and approach

- accurately assess different perspectives in previous research on the topic or problem area
- make assessments informed by relevant disciplinary, societal and ethical aspects within the field of religious studies
- assess the role of knowledge within religious studies in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- assess and specify their need of further knowledge in religious studies

Course content

The first module provides students with an introduction to, and exercises in, the application of methods used in research in religious behavioural science, philology and the anthropology of religions. The student is also given the opportunity to practise some of these methods in depth. The course provides students with an awareness of the importance of methods, issues of research ethics and the choice of method for a specific research assignment.

The second module enables the students to specialise in a topic or problem area within Islamology. The choice of specialisation is to be made in consultation with the course lecturer. Each student will choose their own topic or problem area, and is responsible for presenting and discussing their conclusions with their fellow students and the lecturer. By focusing on a topic or problem area of particular interest to them, students will gain specialised insight into the research field of Islamology. As the students present their topics to one other, they also gain insight into fields other than their area of specialisation.

In the third module, the student is to produce a Bachelor's degree project. The student chooses the specialisation of the project in consultation with the supervisor. The seminars in the module deal with different aspects of academic writing and how the different parts of the thesis can be designed.

The course consists of three modules:

1. Method Course, 7.5 credits,
2. Specialisation, 7.5 credits,
3. Degree Project, 15 credits.

Course design

The teaching in module 1 consists of lectures and seminars.

In module 2, the studies are mainly conducted as independent literature studies. This is complemented with group and individual supervision, and seminars.

The teaching in module 3 consists of supervision and 8-10 compulsory seminars.

Supervision is normally limited to the semester when the student was first registered on the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds. If a student is absent from a seminar, a written make up assignment has to be submitted.

Assessment

The assessment of Module 1 is based on a take-home exam of approximately 15 pages.

The assessment of module 2 is based on a written assignment of approximately 10 pages and a seminar at which the student presents and discusses his or her work.

Module 3 is examined partly through the student's defence of the degree project at a seminar and partly through the student's critical review of a fellow student's degree project. If there is no degree project to critically review at the time of assessment, the examiner can take a decision to allow the student to produce a written critical review rather than an oral one.

Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP student 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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must also have been awarded this grade for at least 22.5 of the course's credits.

Entry requirements

General eligibility and knowledge corresponding to Islamology: Level 1 (ISLA11), 30 credits, Islamology: Level 2 (ISLB13), 15 credits, and History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Level 2 (RHBB04), 15 credits.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- It replaces the course ISLK03.
- The modules of the course can be taken as freestanding courses. Module 1 corresponds to RHBC13. Module 2 corresponds to ISLC14. Module 3 corresponds to ISLK13.
- 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.
- Module titles in Swedish:

1. Metodkurs
2. Fördjupningskurs
3. Examensarbete