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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

JUDA34, Jewish Studies: Classic Jewish Texts, 7.5 credits

Judaistik: Klassiska judiska texter, 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 2016-05-23 to be valid from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

History of Religions

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, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the historical and cultural contexts in which the classical texts of Judaism were produced
- account for the main contents of these texts and their importance for Jewish faith and thinking

Competence and skills

- execute a simple exegesis of classical Jewish texts in translation with regard to their genre, structure, contents and key religious ideas

Judgement and approach

- assess the role of the Jewish tradition of exegesis for the balance between continuity with the past and adjustment to the present
- critically discuss classical Jewish texts as a source of knowledge of Judaism in Antiquity.

Course content

The course provides students with an introduction to the emergence of rabbinic Judaism, its most important literary works and the importance of these texts for Jewish culture and Jewish thinking. It includes reading and discussion of extracts from classical Jewish texts. The texts are read in translation and mainly consist of extracts from the Bible, Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash, medieval Bible commentaries and the prayer book. The students also practise simple exegesis and reflection on the significance of the texts for Jewish culture and Jewish thinking.

Course design

The course mainly takes place as independent study, complemented with screencasts, seminars and peer review. Four of the seminars are compulsory. To be able to follow the teaching, students must have access to a computer and internet connection.

Assessment

The assessment is continuous and based on four study assignments, which are to be solved individually or in groups, a final online individual repetition exercise and a final individual exegesis assignment amounting to approximately 3-4 pages.

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 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

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is module 2 of JUDA13, Jewish Studies: Level 1 A
3. It replaces JUDA24/JUDD24.
4. The course is identical to JUDD34 and may not be included in a degree together

with this course.

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 JUDA34, Jewish Studies: Classic Jewish Texts

Applies from H16

1601 Classic Jewish Texts, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction