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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **JUDD23, Jewish Studies: Judaism in Modern Times, 7.5 credits**

*Judaistik: Moderna judendomar, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2014-12-30 to be valid from 2015-01-19, spring semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology.

It can be included in a first or second cycle 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 the historical emergence and the characteristic features of the major branches within modern religious Judaism and secular Judaism

- account for the differences between religious and secular Judaism

### **Competence and skills**

- read and describe the line of thought in theological Jewish texts
- critically analyse and discuss online texts linked to different religious and secular Jewish groups
- identify a given text as belonging to one of the major branches of modern Judaism,

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically assess statements and ideas of continuity and upheaval in the meeting between Jewish tradition and modernity

### **Course content**

The course deals with different religious and secular forms of modern Judaism as they are manifested specifically in present-day USA, Israel and Sweden. The historical emergence of the different religious and secular branches is highlighted as a background, but the emphasis of the course is placed on the modern modes of expression of the different forms of Judaism and shifting religious/ideological positions. The aim is to highlight the diversity of Judaism, illustrated partly by the religious/ideological contents of different web pages linked to different movements and partly by a selection of short theological texts which will familiarise the student with different formulations of modern Jewish theological thought.

### **Course design**

The course is mainly a distance learning course supported by a learning management system and digital tools. The student is required to participate on these conditions and have access to a computer with Internet connection. Information regarding technical requirements is available from the department

The teaching consists of online lectures and active participation in a shared course blog.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is partly continuous and based on at least ten analytical blog posts on set texts/assignments and twenty comments on others' posts, and partly on a final 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, the student must meet the general entry requirements and have passed Jewish History and Culture (JUDA21/JUDD21) or 30 credits from higher education.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, 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.
3. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in JUDD23, Jewish Studies: Judaism in Modern Times

Applies from V15

1401 Judaism in Modern Times, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction