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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

JUDD38, Jewish Studies: Hasidism - from Miracle Rabbis to Ultra-Orthodoxy, 7.5 credits

Judaistik: Chassidism - från mirakelrabbiner till ultraortodoxi, 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 2019-08-27 to be valid from 2019-08-27, spring semester 2020.

General Information

Subject: Jewish Studies

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can 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

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 development, main ideas and key figures of the Hasidic movement

Competence and skills

- discover and interpret different forms of use of history
- distinguish and discuss important factors in the institutional change of a religious movement

- execute an independent analysis
- express themselves in writing with a basic scientific approach

Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate the descriptions of religious groups in documentaries and feature films
- evaluate the advantages and disadvantages from external and internal perspectives on the study of "the Other".

Course content

The course provides an introduction to both Hasidism, its historical development and main ideas such as different ways to present and understand modern ultra-Orthodox Judaism.

During the course, students are provided with a chronological overview of the history of Hasidism from the charismatic expression of the 18th century to the more traditional forms today with an emphasis on important leading figures, key events and theological/ideological positions. Alongside this overview, different representations of the movement are discussed - from legends and biographies to documentaries and feature films - in an attempt to discover how external and internal perspectives complement each other in the study of "the Other".

Course design

The course is offered as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and digital tools. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an Internet connection including a headset (microphone and headphones) and preferably a webcam. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Teaching consists of online lectures and six compulsory online seminars. Students are expected to prepare for and participate in the online seminars for which any absence may be compensated for in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on three online refresher exercises and on active and prepared participation in the online seminars as well as on a final take-home exam with three questions comprising approximately 5-8 pages.

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 a grade of Pass on the course, students must actively participate in the online seminars and have been awarded the grade of Pass on the three online refresher exercises as well as on the take-home exam. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the course, students must also have been awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the final take-home exam.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have successfully completed 30 credits of which at least 7.5 credits must be in Jewish Studies.

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. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in JUDD38, Jewish Studies: Hasidism - from Miracle Rabbis to Ultra-Orthodoxy

Applies from V20

2001 Jewish Studies: Hasidism, 7,5 hp
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