

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

KRMK02, Church and Mission Studies: Level 3, 30 credits Kyrko- och missionsstudier: 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 2014-11-11 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.

The language of instruction is mainly Swedish, but some components may be taught in other Scandinavian languages or English.

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Church and Mission Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for BA/BSc

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the emergence of Christianity in the context Graeco-Roman society focusing on the chosen theme
- account for the role of early Christian tradition for the shape and development of present-day Christian traditions
- present specialised knowledge of issues and research methods within Church and Mission Studies
- summarise the research situation of a chosen issue

Competence and skills

- independently identify and formulate how Christian tradition is adapted and revised in accordance with new times and contexts
- independently identify, formulate and solve an issue
- independently search for, collect, interpret and discuss information of relevance to Church and Mission Studies
- apply methods of relevance to Church and Mission Studies
- present, discuss and analyse a written research assignment with a good use of Swedish or English
- use the system for quotations, references and works cited established within Church and Mission Studies
- carry out a critical review of a fellow student's paper

Judgement and approach

- judge and understand changes and objections to tradition in a broad scholarly, societal and religious context
- assess and take a position on current debates about the emergence of Christianity and the role of early Christian tradition in the present
- identify the personal need of further knowledge within the field of Religious Studies and Theology

Course content

The course mainly consists of individual text study and the student's work on a degree project specialising in Church History, Missiology and World Christianity or Practical Theology.

In the first part of the course, students will be able to specialise in one of three possible themes that examine the mutability of the Christian tradition and highlight the heritage of early Christianity in present-day Christian traditions:

a) Church and power

b) Body, gender and sexuality

c) Liturgy and rite

The second part of the course consists of independent study of one or several sources that are discussed and examined from the perspective of the method texts of the course. In the third part of the course, the student, in consultation with the supervisor, is to choose a topic for the degree project that is based on previous specialisation studies. The seminars mainly address methodological issues, drafts to essays and completed essays.

The course consists of the following modules:

- 1. Tradition and Change- The Early Church and the Challenges of the Present, 10 credits
- 2. Metodology- Source Criticism, 5 credits
- 3. Degree Project, 15 credits

Course design

The course consists of independent study and teaching in the form of lectures, seminars including oral presentations, and supervision. The (approximately 8) seminars in the third part of the course are compulsory.

Assessment

Module 1 is examined through a written assignment including an oral presentation.

Module 2 is examined through a written take-home exam.

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. The degree project can be written in Swedish or English.

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.

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.

To be awarded the grade Pass on the whole course the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must have been awarded this grade on module 3 (Degree Project) and on one of the other modules and at least the grade of Pass on the remaining module.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have passed the following courses: Church and Mission Studies: Level 2 (KRM B11) **or** Church and Mission Studies: History of the Churches (KRM B23/KRM D23) and Church and Mission Studies: Church Traditions (KRM B24/KRM D24) **or** the equivalent.

Further information

- 1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- 2. Module titles in Swedish: 1. Tradition och förändring- Den tidiga kyrkan och nutidens utmaningar 2. Metodstudium- Källkritik 3. Examensarbete
- 3. The course replaces KRMK01.
- 4. 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.
- 5. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Applies from V15

- 1401 Tradition and Change The Early Church and Contemporary, 10,0 hp Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1402 Method Study Source Criticism, 5,0 hp Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1403 Degree Project, 15,0 hp Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction