



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**RBVB36, Religious Behavioural Science: Introduction to  
Sociology of Religion, 7.5 credits**  
*Religionsbeteendevetenskap: Introduktion till religionssociologi, 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 2015-12-11 and was last revised on 2016-12-07. The revised syllabus applies from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

### 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

History of Religions

#### *Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in  
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### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- account for the emergence and historical development of the discipline of the sociology of religion

- account for a selection of key theories and methods of the sociology of religion

### **Competence and skills**

- with a certain degree of independence use theories of the sociology of religion to analyse present-day social phenomena

### **Judgement and approach**

- take a critical position on the theories and methods of the sociology of religion

### **Course content**

The course is an introduction to the sociology of religion, focusing on the emergence and historical development of the discipline. It deals with a few theories of the sociology of religion and methods of sociology, and the links between their emergence and changes in society. The theories and methods are exemplified by means of current studies on contemporary social phenomena.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a take-home exam and an oral 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 have passed Religious Studies and Theology: Level 1 (CTRA12/CTRD12/CTRA11/CTRD01) or History of Religions: Level 1 (RHIA12/RHIA11) or Islamic Studies: Level 1 (ISLA11) or Jewish Studies: Level 1 (JUDA11) or 30 credits in sociology or the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is module 1 of RBVB13.
3. The course replaces RHBB11.
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. For further details

see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in RBVB36, Religious Behavioural Science: Introduction to Sociology of Religion

Applies from V16

1501 Introduction to Sociology of Religion, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction