



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**RHBB31, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural  
Science: Religion and Society Today, 7.5 credits**  
*Religionshistoria och religionsbeteendevetenskap: Religion och  
samhälle i nutid, 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 2015-12-01 and was last revised on 2022-09-25. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-09-25, spring semester 2023.

### 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 and English

*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  
first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

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### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- account for the role and function of religion in present-day society, using theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism

### **Competence and skills**

- explain, analyse and interpret the situation and function of religion in present-day society, using theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism

### **Judgement and approach**

- take a critical position on theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism

### **Course content**

The course provides students with an introduction to theories that explain present-day society and to how they can explain the situation and function of religion in present-day society. Students are introduced to theories of modernity, post-modernity, secularisation, globalisation, migration and post-colonialism and practise discussing their relevance to the the study of religion.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. The course also includes individual study.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a take-home exam.

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.

### **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 the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund

- University.
2. It is module 1 of the course History of Religions and Behavioural Science of Religion: Level 2 (RHBB03).
  3. 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 RHBB31, History of Religions and Religious Behavioural  
Science: Religion and Society Today

Applies from V23

2301 Religion and Society Today, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from V16

1501 Religion and Society Today, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction