



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**RHIA23, History of Religions: Ancient Religions, 7.5 credits**  
*Religionshistoria: Antikens och forntidens religiösa liv, 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 2015-03-17 and was last revised on 2023-02-27. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-03-15, autumn semester 2023.

### General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and English

*Main field of studies*

History of Religions

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

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

#### Knowledge and understanding

- account for basic features of Greek and Roman religion and Old Norse religion
- provide a general account of the mutual interaction and impact of the different religious traditions
- exemplify how these traditions are used as identity markers and in different present-day manifestations of culture, such as fiction, film and art

#### Competence and skills

- apply methods of source criticism in a basic manner
- independently formulate and process simple issues concerning the study of

ancient religions and their significance in the present

### **Judgement and approach**

- judge the documentary value of different types of sources that are used to study classical and ancient religions

### **Course content**

The course deals with the religions of Antiquity and pre-Christian Europe. The focus is mainly placed on old Greek, Roman and Norse religion. Key concepts and religious practices are addressed. The present-day significance of the traditions as identity markers and in fiction, film, art or other manifestations of culture is discussed.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

### **Assessment**

The course is assessed on the basis of an invigilated 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**

General requirements and studies equivalent of the courses History 1b or 1a1+1a2 and Social Studies 1b or 1a1+1a2 from Swedish Upper Secondary School.

### **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is included as module 4 in the course History of Religions: Level 1 (RHIA12).
3. The course replaces RHIA21.
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.

## Subcourses in RHIA23, History of Religions: Ancient Religions

Applies from H23

2301 Ancient Religions, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H15

1501 Ancient Religions, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction