



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHIB02, History of Religions: Hinduism and Buddhism in Europe and the USA, 7.5 credits

Religionshistoria: Hinduism och buddhism i Europa och USA, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2007-12-20 to be valid from 2007-12-20, spring semester 2008.

General Information

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a first or second cycle degree. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional qualifications.

Language of instruction: Swedish
Swedish

Main field of studies

Religious Studies

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

After completing the course students should

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the religions of India in modern times
- be able to give an account of the history of reception of Indic religions in the Western world
- be able to describe the distinguishing features of Hinduism and Buddhism in Europe and the USA.

Competence and skills

- be able to discuss the processes of change pertaining to Hinduism and Buddhism.

Judgement and approach

- be able to compare, contrast and evaluate critically accounts from within and outside the religious traditions and evaluate the importance of these accounts for the communities in which these religions operate.

Course content

The course examines how Hinduism and Buddhism have affected the thinking and culture in Europe and the USA over a period of more than two centuries through missionary work and immigration. It provides students with an overview of the dominant Indic traditions found in the West, their history of reception, faith, practice, distinguishing features and the various ways in which they are integrated into Western society.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, group discussions, group work, and study visits.

Assessment

Examinations take the following forms: Oral and/or written examination at the end of the course, continuous assessment in the form of, for example, home assignments and group discussions on prepared subjects.

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 eligible for the course applicants must have successfully completed RHIB10 or 30 higher education credits, or the equivalent.

Further information

1. This course constitutes a sub-course in RHIA02 and RHIB30. The credits can only be accredited once towards a degree.
2. The course cannot be included towards a degree together with RHS101, Western Buddhism, 5 credits.

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 RHIB02, History of Religions: Hinduism and Buddhism in Europe and the USA

Applies from V08

0701 Examination, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction