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UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **RHIB25, History of Religions: Anthropology of Religions, 7.5 credits**

*Religionshistoria: Religionsantropologi, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-02-22 and was last revised on 2014-11-28 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-01-19, spring semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology. The course is also offered as a freestanding course and 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

*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**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- provide a general account of basic theories and methods of the anthropology of religion
- account for the role of symbols, cosmologies, myths and rituals in both ceremonial and everyday life

### **Competence and skills**

- analyse in speech and writing fieldwork within the anthropology of religion through case studies
- independently reflect on and account in writing for issues of fieldwork as a method

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically review and analyse issues of power, gender or ethnicity within the field of the anthropology of religion
- assess the role of self-reflection within the anthropology of religion

### **Course content**

The course introduces theories and methods of the anthropology of religion and the documentation of religious life in anthropological fieldwork. The role of symbols, cosmologies, myths and rituals in both ceremonial and everyday life is also examined. Students review case studies from different fields as examples of fieldwork in the anthropology of religion.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and approximately three compulsory seminars. Students can make up for missed seminars through written assignments in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on oral presentations at the seminars and on a final written home assignment.

*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 of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on all assessed components. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on the home assignment and passed the remaining components.

### **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed: Religious Studies Level 1, 30 credits, (CTRA10) or 30 credits from higher education including 15 credits in the history of religions or the equivalent.

## Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. Title in Swedish: Religionshistoria: Religionsantropologi.
3. The course is identical to Module 1 of RHIB20.
4. The course replaces RHIB53/RHIB03.
5. 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 RHIB25, History of Religions: Anthropology of Religions

Applies from V12

1201 Anthropology of Religions, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction