



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

RHIB35, History of Religions: Religion, Spirituality and Academic Writing, 7.5 credits

Religionshistoria: Religion, andlighet och akademiskt skrivande, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2026-06-08 (U 2026/397). The syllabus comes into effect 2026-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2027.

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
Elements in other Scandinavian languages may occur.

Main field of study *Specialisation*

History of Religions G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- explain the characteristics of an academic paper in relation to other genres and forms of writing, such as journalistic reporting or political opinion pieces,

Competence and skills

- produce a short academic paper on the theme of religion and spirituality,
- formulate a research problem with a clear aim and research question,

- use terminology and perspectives from Religious Studies in relation to religiosity and spirituality,
- identify, select, and critically evaluate scholarly literature in the field,
- present and discuss the subject in writing using correct and academically appropriate language,
- use an academically accepted system for citations, references, and bibliographies,

Judgement and approach

- distinguish between applying a scholarly perspective and an insider religious perspective to a topic within religion and spirituality.

Course content

The course trains students to undertake an independent assignment to be presented in the form of a short academic paper. The course aims to introduce and develop academic writing skills. It begins with an introduction to terminology and perspectives used within the study of religion to understand different forms of religiosity and spirituality.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and supervision.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a minor paper of approximately 40,000 characters, including spaces, a cover sheet, table of contents, and bibliography, and on a final defence seminar.

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded a grade of Pass for the paper. For a grade of Pass with distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded a grade of Pass with distinction for the paper.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and successful completion of at least 15 credits within Religious Studies: Level 1 (REVA10/ÄRED11), of which at least 10 credits must consist of Modules 2 and 4. Alternatively, general eligibility and successful completion of at least 15 credits within Islamic Studies: Level 1 (ISLA11) or at least 15 credits within Jewish Studies: Level 1 (JUDA12/JUDA13), or the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- The course is also included as module 4 of RHIB14, History of Religions: Level 2.
- 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.