



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **RHIB72, History of Religions: In the Land of Baal - Canaanite Religion and Texts, 7.5 credits**

*Religionshistoria: I Baals land - den kanaaneiska religionen och dess  
texter, 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 2017-03-02 to be valid from 2017-06-05, spring semester 2017.

### **General Information**

Subject: History of Religions

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

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*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 the most important Ugaritic religious texts, and their theological and mythological ideas in relation to their historical context
- describe the main rituals that were part of the Ugaritic religious practice
- account for the historical situation of the Ugarit population during the ancient Near East Bronze Age
- describe the religious-historical relationship between the world of ideas of Ugaritic texts and later forms of related religious expressions such as in the Hebrew Bible, Christianity and Judaism with regard to both similarities and differences

### **Competence and skills**

- analyse Ugaritic texts in translation
- discuss the relevance of ideas in Ugaritic texts for later history of religions
- apply key concepts in the study of Ugaritic religion in a written analysis

### **Judgement and approach**

- discuss the problems of approaching a corpus of religious texts which has only been preserved archaeologically
- interrogate contemporary views on ancient religious material
- critically assess modern theoretical perspectives on Ugaritic and other ancient Near East religions

### **Course content**

The course consists of a study of the Northwest Semitic religious cultural sphere based on texts and relics from the city of Ugarit, located in present-day Syria. Texts such as the Baal Cycle ? the epic tale of the God Baal's struggle to rule the kingdom of all gods ? are studied in Swedish translation, as well as texts of a more ritual nature. Major emphasis is placed on the close relationship between the Ugaritic religion and adjacent religious cultures, but also on the distinguishing features between the different clusters of religious culture.

### **Course design**

The course consists of lectures and seminars.

### **Assessment**

The course is assessed on the basis of a take-home exam, including an analysis of one or more relevant Ugaritic text segments.

*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, students must have 30 credits from higher education.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. It replaces the course REVB21.
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.
4. For further details see the current application information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in RHIB72, History of Religions: In the Land of Baal - Canaanite Religion and Texts

Applies from V17

1701 In the Land of Baal - Canaanite Religion and Texts, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction