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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation, 7.5 credits** *Religionshistoria: Fördjupningskurs, 7,5 högskolepoäng* First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-05-23 and was valid from 2016-08-29, autumn semester 2016.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology. It may be included in a first or second cycle degree.

#### *Main field of studies*

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Studies

History of Religions

#### *Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

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### **Learning outcomes**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for different forms of rites
- account for the role of the rite for identity formation and mediation of tradition
- account for the significance of the ritual space

#### **Competence and skills**

- analyse ritual discourse
- analyse the relationship between the practitioners' and the researchers' models of the rite and relate it to the societal context.

### **Judgement and approach**

- assess the importance of rites from a gender and ethnicity perspective
- distinguish between religious and scientific models.

### **Course content**

The subject of the course is lived religion: traditional and creative rituals. The course expands the study of lived religion by focusing on ritual practice, illustrated by rites from different contexts, e.g. temple rites in Asia, modern goddess rites, rites of Judaism and Islam, rites of aborigines and new age rites. Among the topics addressed are ritual texts, rites as mediation of tradition, iconography and architecture, the creation of new rites in present-day society, and the significance of rites for cultural and social identity.

### **Course design**

The course mainly consists of independent study. This is complemented with lectures and a final review seminar.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a take-home exam comprising approximately 8-10 pages.

*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, the student must have passed History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science: Level 2 (RHBB03) as well as History of Religions: Level 2 (RHIB13) or the equivalent.

### **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. It replaces RHIC11.
3. The course is module 2 of RHIK03.
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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in RHIC13, History of Religions: Specialisation

Applies from H23

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

Applies from H16

1601 Specialisation, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction