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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH49, Religion and Politics, 7.5 credits

Religion and Politics, 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 2012-09-06 and was last revised on 2022-03-10 by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-03-10, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

Subject: Religious Studies and Theology.

The course is offered as a free-standing course. It can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for in general terms and compare a selection of religio-political manifestations,
- be able to summarize and explain historical and sociological models for interpreting religio-political manifestations,

Competence and skills

- be able to describe, analyze and interpret with a certain degree of independence how religious texts and historical processes can be used to legitimize political and/or ideological positions,
- be able to write a short scholarly text on a given issue of relevance for the theme of the course,
- be able to carry out a clearly defined and limited fieldwork assignment as well as account for and analyze its results,
- be able to critically analyze and explain religious and historical processes by employing sociological conceptual frameworks and methods of data gathering,

Judgement and approach

- be able to discern, compare and take a position on terminology specific to certain religions and scholarly terminology,
- be able to critically assess the subject matter of religio-political statements.

Course content

The course investigates the intimate connections between religion and politics, historically and geographically and on group as well as individual level. It introduces different groups that have made political religion known in recent decades. Furthermore, focus is placed on how people take up issues of democracy, and equality because of religious conviction and on different historical and sociological models for interpreting different forms of religio-political activism.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and a compulsory fieldwork assignment which is accounted for in writing.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written take-home exam in which the assignment is to produce a scholarly text.

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, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

The grade acquired on the exam will be the grade that the student obtains on the entire course, provided that all mandatory parts of the course have been completed.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course is equivalent to RHBB14 and cannot be included in a degree together with this course.
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 SASH49, Religion and Politics

Applies from H22

2201 Religion and Politics, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A

Applies from H12

1201 Religion and Politics, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A