

TLVC19, Studies in Faith and World Views: Level 3 A, 15 credits

Tros- och livsåskådningsvetenskap: Fördjupningskurs, 15 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 2025-05-26 (U 2025/407). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-05-26 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

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.

The course can be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Elements in other Scandinavian languages and English may be included.

Main field of study

Religious Studies and Theology with specialization in Studies in Faiths and World Views

Specialisation

G2F, First cycle, has at least 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

- provide a structured account of major theoretical and methodological perspectives within current studies in faith and world views,
- account for the main currents of ideas, key issues, and leading representatives of current studies in national and international Luther research,
- relate the study of faith and world views and Lutheran theology to current issues within religious studies, theology, and society,

Competence and skills

- independently explain and analyze the consequences of basic choices of methodology and subject matter in research within theology, philosophy of religion, and ethics,
- integrate current theoretical perspectives with some of the central issues in Lutheran theology,
- present, analyze, and discuss key issues in present-day studies in faith and world views orally and in writing,

Judgement and approach

- assess the possible implications of different philosophical, theological, and ethical positions for church, society, and individuals,
- assess their studies in relation to theoretical discussions and research within studies in faith and world views and Lutheran theology from a critical and exploratory perspective.

Course content

The course enables students to specialize their knowledge and skills previously acquired within studies in faith and world views. It starts with a module that deals with relevant theories and methods in the subject area, strongly emphasizing hermeneutic skills. The second module presents Lutheran theology and perspectives in both history and the present time through ethical, philosophical, and theological processing. This is done by studying both primary sources of Martin Luther and current research and reception history. Throughout the course, students will be prepared to independently and methodically address issues within the specialization.

The course consists of two modules:

1. Theories and Methods in Studies in Faith and World Views, 7,5 credits
2. Lutheran Theology, 7,5 credits

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and 4-6 compulsory seminars. In preparation for two of these seminars, students are to submit a written assignment. Absence from a maximum of 2 seminars can be compensated for with a written assignment in accordance with the lecturer's instructions. Students who are absent from more than 2 of the seminars must retake the course.

Assessment

Module 1 is examined through a written assignment in which the students analyze a dissertation in philosophy of religion, systematic theology, or ethics, with a focus on theoretical and methodological choices.

Module 2 is examined through a written assignment in which the students analyze a relevant issue in Lutheran theology and argue for their own position.

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 the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for both modules. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed at least 9 credits of Studies in Faith and World Views: Level 2 (TLVB34) or the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
- This course replaces TLVC18.
- Credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- Module titles in Swedish:
 1. Teori och metod inom tros- och livsåskådningsvetenskap
 2. Luthersk teologi