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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **TLVR11, Studies in Faith and Worldviews: Master (Two Years) Degree Course, 15 credits**

*Tros- och livsåskådningsvetenskap: Avancerad kurs I, 15 högskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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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 2012-02-07 to be valid from 2012-02-07, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course is a specialisation course for a general one- or two-year Master's degree in Religious Studies and Theology. It is included in the Master of Arts programme specialising in Ethics, Religious Studies or Systematic Theology. It can also be studied as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish and/or English

*Main field of studies*

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

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

specialising in Ethics

- be able to summarise and analyse ethical areas of inquiry from the point of view of methodology and theory

- be able to independently summarise, explain and categorise issues and orientations in the fields of ethics and theological ethics
- be able to problematise and analyse ethical issues and texts in current research
- be able to exemplify and analyse methods and theories in an area of applied ethics such as bioethics, animal ethics, feminist ethics, environmental ethics, sexual ethics and care ethics.

specialising in Philosophy of Religion

- be able to describe in detail and critically analyse key concepts in philosophy and philosophy of religion
- be able to categorise and compare different arguments in theories of modern philosophy and philosophy of religion
- be able to independently summarise and critically review a field of philosophy of religion.

specialising in Systematic Theology

- be able to discern and summarise main themes of Christian faith from the point of view of historical and current interpretations
- be able to structure and compare relevant concepts, problems and method discussions in systematic theology
- be able to describe and contrast the interaction between philosophy, culture and religion
- be able to summarise, explain and review a key problem area or key figure in systematic theology.

### **Competence and skills**

specialising in Ethics, Philosophy of Religion or Systematic Theology

- be able to process a number of advanced academic works and present them in a structured way, in speech and writing and within a limited timeframe
- be able to develop, formulate and argue for an independent position and specialised arguments in speech and writing
- be able to formulate relevant criticism of individual arguments and interpretations and of theories in speech and writing
- be able to compose a structured popular science text for a lecture and/or written review.

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to review and participate in public debates
- be able to assess the possibilities and limitations of scholarship, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used.

### **Course content**

The first module provides students with specialised knowledge of the theories and methods of theology and religious studies, particularly addressing the ways in which different theories and methods can be applied to different issues of theology, ethics and philosophy of religion. Furthermore, students will train their ability to search for and contextualise information, to use reference material and to work systematically and present findings.

In the second module the student is to select one of the specialisations of the course on the basis of previous studies and in consultation with the lecturer on the course.

Students specialising in ethics select an independent specialisation in a problem area of ethics on the basis of previous studies and in consultation with the lecturer on the course.

Students specialising in philosophy of religion select a specialisation in a key area of philosophy of religion such as classics of philosophy of religion, the problem of evil, the relationship between truth and meaning, analysis of concepts of religion and faith, conceptions of God, the meaning of gender, realism and non-realism.

Students specialising in systematic theology extend their knowledge of the history of systematic theology and the prevailing arguments in the debate on the understanding of the discipline. Through writing and presenting an independent report on a key problem area or key figure of systematic theology students will be able to apply the skills acquired in module 1.

The courses consists of the following modules:

1. Theory and method, 7.5 credits,
2. Specialisation, 7.5 credits.

## Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars, practical exercises and individual supervision. In conjunction with approximately 10 compulsory seminars, the student will be expected to complete independent written and oral assignments. The seminars at which examination takes place are compulsory.

## Assessment

In module 1 the assessment is based on continuous oral presentations at seminars and one written assignment.

In module 2 the assessment is based on an individually selected assignment that is presented as an oral or written popular science presentation.

Absence from seminars at which examination takes place is compensated for by written assignments in accordance with the lecturer's instructions.

*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.

To be awarded the grade of Pass on the whole course the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules. To be awarded 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 basic eligibility and a Bachelor's degree including 30 credits in Ethics, Philosophy of Religion or Systematic Theology.

### **Further information**

1. The course replaces REVR31/REVM24, REVR37/REVM23, TEOR36/TEOM28.
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. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
3. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
4. The sub-course names in Swedish:
  1. Teori och metod,
  2. Ämnesfördjupning.

## Subcourses in TLVR11, Studies in Faith and Worldviews: Master (Two Years) Degree Course

Applies from H11

- 1201 Theory and Method, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1202 Specialisation, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction