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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TRVN07, Religious Roots of Europe: Method and Theory, 5 credits

Religious Roots of Europe: Method and Theory, 5 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-05-17 to be valid from 2013-05-17, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

The course is included in the MA programme The Religious Roots of Europe.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Religious Roots of Europe

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

- be able to account for common theoretical perspectives in classics studies
- be able to account for the problems and opportunities of applying modern theories to classical source material

Competence and skills

- be able to apply fundamental methodological and theoretical terminology
- be able to apply different theoretical perspectives on classical source material

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically discuss a specific theoretical perspective from the point of view of the results achieved
- be able to critically discuss the relationship between historical reality and historical reconstruction
- be able to critically assess the impact of ideological preconceptions on historical reconstructions

Course content

The course is primarily taught in conjunction with a study trip to Rome. It consists of lectures dealing with theoretical perspectives such as postcolonialism, ideology studies, social sciences and hermeneutics, and seminar exercises based on classical texts and historical artefacts or on research articles adopting different perspectives, in which students practise applying different theoretical perspectives and taking a critical position on research results in the form of historical reconstructions or translations of classical texts.

Course design

The course is taught intensively over 10 days in Rome together with the course Religion and Society in the MA programme Religious Roots of Europe. Some of the teaching takes place on the online platform of the programme.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written assignment of 5-6 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, students must have a Bachelor's degree in theology, religious studies, classical philology, classical archaeology, history or the equivalent and 20 credits in Latin, Greek, Arabic or Hebrew.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University.
2. Travel and subsistence in conjunction with the study trip to Rome are to be paid for by the student.

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 TRVN07, Religious Roots of Europe: Method and Theory

Applies from H13

1301 Method and Theory, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction