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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TRVN09, Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Literature - An Introduction to Reading Classical Rabbinic Texts in Hebrew, 10 credits

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Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2016-10-11 to be valid from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

General Information

The course is included in the Master's programme Religious Roots of Europe. It can also be studied as a freestanding course.

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 students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a brief account of the most important Rabbinic texts, their composition and cultural context
- describe the salient features of these texts and exemplify the different genres contained in them

- provide an independent account of the significance of Rabbinic literature for the Jewish tradition and of the different ways it has had an impact on Jewish culture

Competence and skills

- read and analyse a selection of Rabbinic texts in the original language and in translation
- critically discuss the knowledge possible to obtain from Rabbinic literature of Jewish culture, values and theology during the period 70-600
- relate the emergence of Rabbinic Judaism to Christianity and critically discuss whether it is possible to use Rabbinic sources to reconstruct Jewish life in Israel and Babylonia during the period 70-600

Judgement and approach

- discuss the significance of Rabbinic texts for the development and present-day shape of Judaism

Course content

The course provides students with an overview of the most important Rabbinic texts, their composition, contents, characteristics and historical context. Special attention is paid to Rabbinic literature as a source of knowledge of Jewish culture and Jewish circumstances in Antiquity and to its importance for later Jewish tradition. In addition to secondary literature, the reading list includes a selection of Rabbinic texts in the original language and in translation.

Course design

The course is offered partially as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an Internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements. In connection with the online teaching, the student hands in approximately ten written assignments.

Teaching is also provided in the form of lectures and seminars at an intensive teaching session. An intensive teaching session means 3-5 days of full-day teaching.

Submission of written papers for assessment is compulsory. The extent of the student's participation in the online teaching, written assignments and intensive teaching session determines his or her possibility to independently choose topic and literature for the assessed paper. If less than 80% of the written assignments have been submitted or passed by the student, or if the student has not participated in the

intensive teaching session, the examiner determines the topic and literature for the assessed paper.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a written assignment (paper) of 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, students must have 90 credits in theology, religious studies, classical philology, classical archaeology, history or the equivalent, and 10 credits in Hebrew.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The course replaces TRVN05.
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 TRVN09, Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Literature - An Introduction to Reading Classical Rabbinic Texts in Hebrew

Applies from V17

1601 Rabbinic Literature, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction