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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TRVN14, Religious Roots of Europe: Mysticism, Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, 10 credits

Religious Roots of Europe: Mysticism, Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, 10 högskolepoäng
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 2019-06-11 to be valid from 2019-06-11, spring semester 2020.

General Information

The course is included in the Master of Arts programme The Religious Roots of Europe. It can also be taken 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

- independently identify and account for the main lines of the traditions of philosophy and wisdom current during late Antiquity
- independently discern, describe and analyse some important examples of wisdom traditions, mysticism and theological reflection in early Christianity, early Islam and contemporary Judaism, against the background of contemporary wisdom traditions and philosophical schools of late Antiquity
- summarise and account for the way in which wisdom traditions, mysticism and theological reflection emerged, were transmitted and changed within Judaism,

This is a translation of the course syllabus approved in Swedish

Christianity and Islam, in interaction with wisdom traditions, philosophy, religious practice and sacred texts of late Antiquity and in interaction between the three religions mentioned above.

Competence and skills

- read and analyse source texts in translation
- independently compare the attitudes towards the development of theology and philosophy in the different traditions
- argue for an independent position in a research assignment

Judgement and approach

- critically compare traditions of wisdom, philosophy and mysticism in late Antiquity, as well as relate these to present-day perspectives.

Course content

The theology, mysticism and wisdom traditions of early Christianity, early Islam and contemporary Judaism are compared with each other and with the traditions of philosophy and wisdom in late Antiquity. The course includes independent study of secondary sources, but also reading and interpretation of primary sources from late Antiquity and a comparative study of primary sources from the three religions.

Course design

The course is offered partially as a distance learning course and makes use of a teaching platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate according to these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements. Teaching also includes lectures and seminars at a compact seminar. A compact seminar comprises 3-5 full days of tuition.

During the course, students are to submit 7-9 compulsory written assignments.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on a written exam paper of 8-10 pages.

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, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have a first cycle degree in a relevant main field and 15 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. The course replaces TRVN04.
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 TRVN14, Religious Roots of Europe: Mysticism, Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions in Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Applies from V20

2001 Mysticism, Philosophy and Wisdom Traditions, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction