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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

TRVN15, Religious Roots of Europe: The Study of Ancient Religion, 15 credits

*Religious Roots of Europe: The Study of Ancient Religion, 15
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 2020-03-23 to be valid from 2020-03-23, autumn semester 2020.

General Information

The course is an elective component of 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

- account for theories relevant to the understanding of ancient religion, which primarily refers to religion during the formative phases of Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- account for the distinctive nature, interrelation and function of the ancient religions in the Roman Empire
- describe the interaction between different religious groups in a social context

Competence and skills

- analyse the ancient religions from different methodological perspectives
- explain the relationship between different ancient religions
- make qualified assumptions about the significance of religion for the people of antiquity and the role of religion in society

Judgement and approach

- problematise the link between a certain theory and concrete research results
- discuss the applicability of the concept of religion in antiquity
- reflect on possibilities and limitations with regard to the study of ancient religion
- reflect on the significance of knowledge of ancient religions for the understanding of the later development of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Course content

The course provides an introduction to the religious landscape in the Roman period and covers relevant methods and theories for the study of ancient religion for the time in which Judaism, Christianity and Islam emerged. The knowledge and skills acquired by the student on this course constitute the basis for subsequent discussions in the other modules of the programme.

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 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 consists mainly of lectures, field trips and seminars at a compulsory compact seminar in Rome with a duration of approximately two weeks.

Assessment

Assessment is based on a written assignment (paper) of 10-12 pages (24,000 to 28,800 characters including spaces and footnotes but excluding the bibliography and table of contents). The subject is to be chosen in consultation with the lecturers.

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.

For the grade of Pass on the course, the written assignment must be awarded a Pass.

For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the written assignment must be awarded a Pass with Distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have a first cycle degree specialising in theology, religious studies, classical philology, classical archaeology or history.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
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.

Subcourses in TRVN15, Religious Roots of Europe: The Study of Ancient Religion

Applies from H20

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