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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **TRVN16, Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Texts and Theology, 10 credits**

*Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Texts and Theology, 10  
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 2021-12-18 to be valid from 2021-12-18, autumn semester 2022.

### **General Information**

The course is included in the Master's 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 the most important rabbinic texts and their respective cultural contexts, genres and characteristics
- provide a general account of the ideas and features that characterise rabbinic culture as they are expressed in a selection of rabbinic texts

#### **Competence and skills**

- read a simple text in Mishnah Hebrew using dictionaries and grammar
- in writing, discuss rabbinic texts in translation and, in relevant cases, provide examples of the interpretation strategies demonstrated by these

### **Judgement and approach**

- based on rabbinic sources, critically discuss the possibilities to reconstruct Jewish life in Israel and Babylonia in the period 70-600

### **Course content**

The course provides the students with basic knowledge of Mishnah Hebrew and an insight into rabbinic thought and culture as they are expressed in rabbinic texts. It includes an overview of the emergence of rabbinic Judaism and the most important texts from classical rabbinic literature. The political, cultural and linguistic environments in which rabbinic texts emerged are also discussed as well as their historical origins, contents and characteristics. A large part of the course is devoted to the reading of a selection of texts in Hebrew with translations into English. Talmud texts are only read in translation. There is a particular focus on rabbinic literature as a source of knowledge of Jewish culture and Jewish circumstances in Antiquity.

### **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. In connection with the online teaching, the student is to submit approximately ten written assignments.

Teaching also includes lectures and seminars at a compact seminar. The contact seminar comprises 2 days of full-time teaching sessions. Each module concludes with a short written assignment. These assignments are not graded, however, 80% of the assignments must be submitted to be awarded a Pass on the course.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a final written take-home exam.

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 successfully completed 90 credits in religious studies, humanities, social sciences or law of which a minimum of 10 credits must be in Hebrew (biblical or modern), or the equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. This course replaces TRVN13.
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.
4. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in TRVN16, Religious Roots of Europe: Rabbinic Texts and Theology

Applies from H22

2201 Rabbinic Texts and Theology, 10,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction