



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities  
Department of Cultural Sciences

1KV101 Historia och religion i Sverige, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
History and Religion in Sweden, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**  
History, Religious Studies

**Subject Group**  
Other Interdisciplinary Studies

**Level of classification**  
First Level

**Progression**  
G1N

**Date of Ratification**  
Approved 2011-12-13  
Revised 2015-05-27 by Faculty of Arts and Humanities.  
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

**Prerequisites**  
General entry requirements and English B (Field-specific entry requirements 6/A6).

### Objectives

After completing the course, the students should be able to:

- in general terms account for the main features of Swedish history,
- account for central historical developments, and take into consideration the role and changed status of religions,
- discuss cultural, religious and social conditions in modern Sweden from a historical perspective,
- exemplify and discuss similarities and differences between the historical development in Sweden and the history of some other country or culture.

### Content

The course introduces the main features of the political, economic, religious and social developments in Sweden during 1,000 years: from the rule of Viking chieftains to the national state and further to a modern, pluralistic country which is part of a more and more globalized world. A sub-theme of the course is the role and changed prerequisites of religions: from the Old Norse religion and Sami tradition, via the predominant role of Christianity, to the present times characterised by secularisation and religious diversity. The concept of Swedish identity is problematised in relation to women and men, the importance of migration, and the expansion of the welfare state. Throughout the module, comparisons and connections are made between Swedish history and the countries and cultures the students are familiar with.

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### Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures and seminars.

### Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the intended learning outcomes must be achieved. The course is examined through written assignments and active participation in seminars.

For students who do not pass the first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

### Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted and compiled into a report, which is made available to students. The report is presented to departmental bodies and the program advisory board concerned, and is archived by the department responsible for the course.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

#### **Required Reading**

History of Religions in Sweden. Articles provided by the Department of Cultural Sciences (ca. 350 p)

Kent, Neil, A, (the latest edition). *Concise History of Sweden*, Cambridge University Press, in selection, ca 265 p.

Additional articles provided by the Department of Cultural Sciences (ca. 300 p.)

Literature for a group project, chosen in consultation with the teacher. (200-250 p).