



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Cultural Sciences

1RK002 Religioner i Asien, 6 högskolepoäng
Religions in Asia, 6 credits

Main field of study
Religious Studies

Subject Group
Religious Studies

Level of classification
First Level

Progression
G1N

Date of Ratification
Approved 2015-03-05
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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

Prerequisites
General entry requirements for university studies.

Objectives

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

- from a scientific critical point of view generally account for basic concepts, central texts, prominent religious figures, dogmas, institutions and rituals in history and present times within Hinduism, Buddhism and China's religions;
- in speech and writing show an awareness of the diversity of religious manifestations and historical development within Hinduism, Buddhism and China's religions in history and present times;
- analyse parts of religious documents related to Asian religions and discuss their application today;
- discuss and assess works of fiction and journalistic and popular works connected to the content of the module.

Content

The course provides a general overview of the origins of Hinduism, Buddhism and Chinese religions and their historical developments until today. Theological ideas, institutions and rituals are discussed. Religious traditions and institutional changes are analysed. The diversity and variation of the religions are specifically accentuated.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, seminars, group work and educational visits. The teacher will inform the students about compulsory parts of the teaching.

Examination

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

The course is examined through room examination. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts. 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. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required Reading

Jacobsen, Knut. *Buddhism. Kultur, historia, tradition*. Natur & Kultur, 318 p. Latest edition.

Jacobsen, Knut. *Hinduismen. Historia, tradition och mångfald*. Natur & Kultur, 393 p. Latest edition.

Poceski, Mario. *Introducing Chinese Religions*. Routledge. Latest edition,
or

Poceski, Mario. *Chinese Religions: The Ebook*. Journal of Buddhist Ethics Online Books.

Svanberg, Ingvar & David Westerlund (eds.) *Religion i Sverige*. Dialogos. Latest edition (ca 30 p. in selection)

Documents

Links to online material are provided by the teacher.

Works of fiction/popular literature for discussion

Works of fiction (or the equivalent) are chosen in consultation with the teacher.

Articles provided by the teacher.