



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1RK004 Kristendom, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Christianity, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Religious Studies

Subject Group

Religious Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2012-12-04

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2014

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

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 Christianity;
- in speech and writing show an awareness of the diversity of religious manifestations and historical development within Christianity in history and present times;
- analyse parts of Christian religious documents and discuss their application today;
- discuss and assess works of fiction and journalistic and popular works connected to the content of the course;
- independently identify a clearly delineated thematic area for specialisation within Christianity and produce a written report using several sources.

Content

The module provides a general overview of the origins of Christianity and its historical development until today. Theological ideas, institutions and rituals are discussed. Changes in religious traditions and institutions are analysed. Religious diversity and variation are specifically accentuated.

The teacher will inform the students about compulsory parts of the teaching.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, seminars, group work and educational visits.

Examination

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

The course is examined through

1. Room examination
2. Active participation in seminars
3. Contributions to discussion fora on topics indicated by the teacher in the online study environment of the course. The contributions are graded.
4. Participation in discussion fora regarding additional literature.
5. An individual specialisation assignment.

In order to receive the grade of Pass, the intended learning outcomes must be achieved. 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 institutional bodies and the programme council concerned, and is archived by the institution responsible for the course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Ehrman, Bart D. *Did Jesus Exist? The Historical Argument for Jesus of Nazareth*. HarperCollins. 361 p. Latest edition.

Rasmussen, Tarald & Einar Thomassen. *Kristendomen. En historisk introduktion*. Artos & Norma bokförlag AB. 416 p. Latest edition.

Svanberg, Ingvar & David Westerlund (eds.) *Religion i Sverige*. Dialogos. Latest edition (in selection, ca 140 p)

Westerlund, David, *Islam eller kristendom?: nutida polemik och konflikter bland kristna och muslimer* Dialogos, 159 p. Latest edition.

Documents

Bibel 2000. Bibelkommissionens översättning. Liber (or other publisher). Latest edition. Online: bibeln.se.

Works of fiction/popular literature for discussion

Work of fiction (or the equivalent) is chosen in consultation with the teacher.

Articles provided by the teacher.