



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1RK020 God Bless America. Kristendomens utveckling i USA från George Washington till Barack Obama., 7,5 högskolepoäng

God Bless America. The Development of Christianity in the U.S.A. from George Washington to Barack Ob, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Religious Studies

Subject Group

Religious Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

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Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-08-13

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Expected learning outcomes

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

- explain and discuss the development of Christianity in the U.S.A.,
- provide a general explanation of the development of individual denominations and religious communities,
- describe general cultural tendencies that have influenced American Christianity,
- discuss the dynamics of the religious market and its significance in the U.S.A.

Content

The course covers the development of Christianity in the U.S.A. from George Washington's time to Barack Obama's presidency. The distinctive image of individual denominations and their development are studied in light of general American cultural tendencies. Students will practice using an analytical, critical way of thinking. The course provides an orientation and insight into the dynamics of the American religious market and its vitality.

Type of Instruction

The course is a distance course using an on-line learning management system. Part-time study.

Examination

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

Examination and grading is based on active participation and written examination.

Course Evaluation

Teaching is continually evaluated throughout the semester. Course evaluation is carried out at the end of the course. The evaluation is compiled, reviewed with the students and archived according to departmental protocol.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Finke, Roger & Stark, Rodney, *The Churching of America, 1776–2005: Winners and Losers in our Religious Economy*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press: 2005.

ISBN: 0-8135-3553-0.

347 pages

Erling, Maria & Granquist, Mark, *The Augustana Story. Shaping Lutheran Identity in North America*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress: 2008.

ISBN: 978-0-8066-8025-5.

390 pages

Nathan Hatch 1989 *The democratization of American Christianity*. (Yale University Press.)

Reference literature:

Ahlstrom, Sydney E. & Hall, David D., *A Religious History of the American People*. New Haven: Yale University Press: 2004.

ISBN: 10:0300100124.

1192 pages.