



## 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 Obama, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**

Religious Studies

**Subject Group**

Religious Studies

**Level of classification**

First Level

**Progression**

G1N

**Date of Ratification**

Approved by the Board of the School of Cultural Sciences 2009-08-13

Revised 2011-03-29. Revised list of required reading.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

**Prerequisites**

NO VALUE DEFINED

### Expected learning outcomes

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

- explain and discuss the development of Christianity in the USA,
- 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 USA.

### Content

The course covers the development of Christianity in the USA 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

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### 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. A 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

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

Noll, Mark, *The Old Religion in a New World. The History of North American Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002. ISBN: 0-8028-4948-2

### Ref.lit:

Ahlstrom, Sydney E. & Hall, David D., *A Religious History of the American People*. New Haven: Yale University Press: 2004. ISBN: 10:0300100124. 1192 pages.