



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1RK022 God Bless America. Kristendomens utveckling i USA från George Washington till Joe Biden, 7,5 högskolepoäng

God Bless America. The Development of Christianity in the U.S.A. from George Washington to Joe Biden, 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 Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2020-12-09

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2021

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies.

## Objectives

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

- account for the development of Christianity in the USA,
- account in general terms for the development of individual denominations,
- describe general cultural tendencies that have influenced American Christianity,
- discuss the dynamics and importance of the religious market in the USA.

## Content

This course discusses the development of Christianity in the USA from George Washington's time to Joe Biden's presidency. The development and distinctive characteristics of individual denominations are studied in the light of general American cultural tendencies. The students practise analytical, critical thinking. The course aims to give students an understanding of, and insight into, the dynamics and vitality of the American religious market.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of pre-recorded lectures.

## Examination

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

The course is examined through a written 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 in writing when the course starts. Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

### Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time are informed of the results at the start of the course. The evaluation is anonymous.

### Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1RK020 7.5 credits and 1RK021, 7.5 credits.

### 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. 347 p. ISBN: 0813535530.

Jones, Robert P., *The End of White Christian America*. New York: Simon & Schuster. 2016. 309 p. ISBN: 9781501122293

Noll, Mark, *The Old Religion in a New World. The History of North American Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002. 340 p. ISBN: 0802849482

Articles in selection, ca 150 p.