

Linnæus University

Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1RK027 Nya testamentet och tidig kristen litteratur, 7,5 högskolepoäng

New Testament and Early Christian Literature, 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 2013-06-19 The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2014

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and English B.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

- critically discuss on the basis of current research the authorship, dating and genre of New Testament texts and other early Christian texts;
- identify central themes in New Testament and other early Christian texts;
- critically discuss questions of interpretation in early Christian texts in relation to their historical, cultural and literary context.

Content

This is an introduction to New Testament and other early Christian literature. The historical, cultural and literary background of the texts are presented, as well as their genres, central themes and ways in which they have been interpreted.

Type of Instruction

Lectures and seminars

Examination

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

The course is examined through two papers and a written exam. For the grade VG in the whole course a VG in two of the course's three examinating moments is required.

Course Evaluation

After completion of the course a written course evaluation is compiled and archived in accordance with the institution's regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Ehrman, Bart. *After the New Testament: A Reader in Early Christianity*. Oxford University Press. Latest edition. Selections, approximately 200 pages.

Hagner, Donald A. *The New Testament: A Historical and Theological Introduction*. Baker. Latest edition. Selections, approximately 600 pages,

The Bible (NRSV) (Selected readings, approximately 200 pages.)