



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Cultural Sciences

4RK430 Kurs i avancerad religionsvetenskaplig kulturanalys, 15
högskolepoäng

Advanced course in Cultural Analysis within the Study of Religions,
15 credits

Main field of study

Religious Studies

Subject Group

Religious Studies

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Arts and Humanities 2017-03-01
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2017

Prerequisites

At least 30 credits in religious studies at the second level or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course the student should, with a high degree of independence, be able to:

- in writing demonstrate advanced skills in using methodology in religious studies,
- in oral presentations account for possibilities and problems in a methodology rarely used in religious studies,
- critically review the advantages and disadvantages of various methods, focusing on specific problems,
- discuss the theoretical boundaries of methodology in religious studies.

Content

The aim of this course is for the students to refine their methodological knowledge and increase their awareness of the possibilities and difficulties related to methodology. The students work with a methodology traditionally used in religious studies, and another which is traditionally not used within the subject. The aim of the latter is for the student to develop new perspectives on the subject tradition and to stimulate new and creative thinking.

Participation in seminars is compulsory.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of supervision and seminars.

Examination

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

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 when the course starts. The examination is divided into three parts: documentation of continuous methodological work, a final written report, and an oral presentation.

Absence from seminars must be supplemented in writing. 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. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor, ca. 2,000 pages.