

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Theory and Method in History of Religions I
Religionshistorisk teori och metod I

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
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Course code:	RHA214
Valid from:	Autumn 2022
Date of approval:	2022-03-10
Department	Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies
Main field:	Comparative Religion/History of Religions
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2022-02-09 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies 2022-03-10.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's (first-cycle) degree of at least 180 ECTS credits or the equivalent in the humanities, or social anthropology, or cultural geography, including an independent project of at least 15 ECTS credits. English 6 or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1001	Theory and Method in History of Religions	7.5

Course content

The course focuses on the study of academic literature with an emphasis on methodological and theoretical problems as encountered in contemporary empirical research. Further, the course will include discussions on historical problems within the academic study of religion.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Give an account of and critically discuss methodological and theoretical problems within research in the History of Religions.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of seminars based on the mandatory course literature.

Instruction is given in the language specified for each respective course offering.

Instruction is either online or campus-based, as specified for each course offering.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a. The course is examined on the basis of written assignments in the form of papers linked to the seminars, and through a written examination in the form of a take-home examination which will mainly focus on the parts of the mandatory course literature that has not been discussed at the seminars.

The principles for weighting individual course assignments are described in the grading criteria.

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The examiner may grant exemption from the forms of instruction and examination as specified in this syllabus for a student who can show a certificate recommending special educational support. The examiner shall in such a decision specify the forms for alternative or adapted examinations or course requirements.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point grading scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much more work required

c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade E or higher on all examinations.

Assignments not submitted on time will not be graded.

e. At least three examination opportunities should be offered within a one-year period. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during the year the course is not provided. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, opportunity unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

f. The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the take-home exam may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment should be submitted within a week of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Adequate corrections of simple mistakes related to formatting will be graded using the grades A-E. Adequate corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, minor inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Misc

The course replaces RHA204.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the course website at www.erg.su.se. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.