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Masterthesis in Scientific Studies of Religion 30 cr

Masteruppsats i religionsvetenskap 30 hp

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Level	A2E
Education level	Second cycle
Course identifier	RVA800
Credits	30 cr
Main field of study	Religious Studies
Subject group	Religious Studies
Disciplinary domain	Humanities 100.0 %

Learning outcomes Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- exhibit substantially deeper knowledge of some parts of the main field
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their major field of study
- show deeper insight into current research within Religious Studies

Skills and abilities

- show ability to independently, critically and creatively identify and formulate well-defined research questions within Religious Studies
- contribute to the development of knowledge in the field of the chosen thesis
- plan and carry out advanced tasks with adequate methods
- consider and discuss in depth the previous research relevant to a specific question
- integrate knowledge and to analyze, assess and deal with complex phenomena even with limited information
- demonstrate ability in both national and international contexts, orally and in writing to present and discuss their findings in dialogue with different Groups
- critically review an academic paper and convey those views in a structured and constructive

way

Judgement and attitudes

- demonstrate an ability to evaluate the source material in accordance with source-critical and scientific criteria
- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and how it is used
- demonstrate the ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge

Course content	The course is about independently defining, setting up and carrying out a research assignment, (thesis/essay), that the student has decided on and outlined in discussion with a supervisor. The written essay is presented in a final seminar.		
Teaching	Seminars and tutorials.		
Prerequisites	90 credits within Master Programme in Religious Studies or equivalent English language proficiency equivalent to (the Swedish upper secondary school) English course B/6.		
Examination	Defense of own thesis and the opposition of another thesis, opponent and respondent, examinatory seminars.		
Grade	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
Sustainable environment	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
Module	0010 Thesis	30 cr	Grade: AF