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World religions in Sweden 15 cr

Världsreligionerna i Sverige 15 hp

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Version

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Level	G1N
Education level	First cycle
Course identifier	HRK09A
Credits	15 cr
Main field of study	Religious Studies
Subject group	Religious Studies
Disciplinary domain	Humanities 100.0 %

- Learning outcomes** On completion of the course, the student should be able to:
- o demonstrate basic knowledge about the way the world religions emerge in Sweden
 - o relate the world religions in Sweden to their roots and the way that they emerge elsewhere
 - o account for how the world religions interpret and handle human existential issues.
 - o analyse and account for the development of Swedish religious freedom and set it in relation to other countries' form of religious freedom
 - o account for central themes in Swedish and international religious dialogue and
 - o analyse and account for elementary questions in the didactics of religion.

Course content The course intends to give a basic introduction to the large world religions represented in Sweden. The course also deals with questions of religious freedom, meetings between religions and the coexistence of religious and secularised people in Sweden. The starting point of the course is the multireligious reality in Sweden today. The course provides general knowledge of the world religions with an orientation on their design and place in Swedish society. The development and limits of religious freedom in Sweden are emphasised. Furthermore, examples of religious dialogue in Sweden are discussed, that is to say when representatives for the different religions enter into discussion, both with representative for other religions and with representatives for the secular society.

Part 1. The World Religions, 7.5 HE credits.

During this part, the bases of the large world religions are discussed, focusing on a Swedish context. The part deals with both the historical development of the religions, and their basic theological ideas. Strong emphasis is placed at modern movements within the world religions.

Part 2. Religious Freedom and Religious Dialogue, 7.5 HE credits.

During this part, the historical development of religious freedom in Sweden is dealt with. The part also includes study of different examples of religious dialogue in Sweden and different perspectives on the concept of religious theology, i.e. how representatives of the different religions view other religions.

Teaching

ICT-based distance. The course is given in collaboration with different local study centres. Lectures and seminars in video conference form, supplemented with written assignments

Prerequisites

General entry requirements

Examination

Examination through written assignments.

Grade

A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F

Sustainable environment

A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.

Module

0010	The religions of the world	7.5 cr	Grade: AF
0020	Freedom of religion and interreligious dialogue	7.5 cr	Grade: AF