



## HÖGSKOLAN I GÄVLE

### Masterthesis in Scientific Studies of Religion 30 cr

*Masteruppsats i religionsvetenskap 30 hp*

Set by Faculty of Education and Business Studies

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<b>Level</b>	A2E
<b>Education level</b>	Second cycle
<b>Course identifier</b>	RVA800
<b>Credits</b>	30 cr
<b>Main field of study</b>	Religious Studies
<b>Subject group</b>	Religious Studies
<b>Disciplinary domain</b>	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

<b>Course content</b>	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.		
<b>Teaching</b>	Seminars and tutorials.		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	90 credits within Master Programme in Religious Studies or equivalent English language proficiency equivalent to (the Swedish upper secondary school) English course B/6.		
<b>Examination</b>	Defense of own thesis and the opposition of another thesis, opponent and respondent, examinatory seminars.		
<b>Grade</b>	A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F		
<b>Sustainable environment</b>	A minor part of the course content deals with sustainable development.		
<b>Module</b>	0010 Thesis	30 cr	Grade: AF