



DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE, HISTORY OF IDEAS, AND RELIGION

RT2312 Ethics, Theology, and Society, 7.5 credits

Etik, teologi och samhälle, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion on 2017-07-03 and was last revised on 2021-11-15 to be valid from 2022-01-17, spring semester of 2022.

Field of education: Arts 80% and Science 20%

Department: Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion

Position in the educational system

The course is given as a freestanding course at second cycle level.

Main field of studies

Religious Studies and Theology

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Degree of Bachelor or completed courses of at least 180 credits at first cycle level, of which at least 90 credits with progression in some main field of study where it is included a bachelor's thesis of at least 15 credits. Qualified are also those that have equivalent foreign education or that have equivalent prior knowledge according to earlier study regulation. Furthermore, knowledge corresponding to English A/English 5 is required.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and describe and critically reflect on central concepts, arguments, and traditions in theological ethics
- relate positions in theological ethics to other ethical traditions and systems both of religious and secular character

Competence and skills

- understand different expressions of Christian ethics in different historical contexts and traditions

Judgement and approach

- relate to contemporary ethical issues with nuance and argumentative skill

Course content

The course treats some of the ideas of theological ethics, and how they have been practised in different Christian traditions as well as how they are related to other ethical theories and social system. The ethical discourse is also put in relation to theology in other respects. The course focuses on central ethical works and discussions of for example Bible and ethics, the ethical importance of law, virtues and the question about human flourishing, goodness and evil, as well as the possibility of a universal human ethics.

Form of teaching

The teaching is normally conducted in the form of lectures and/or seminars.

Language of instruction: English

The language of instruction is normally English, but if all students understand Swedish the teacher may use the Swedish instead. Student essays should normally be written in English, but if the teacher understands Swedish it may be used instead.

Assessment

The course is normally assessed through participation in seminar discussion, as well as through individual written home assignments.

The student is required to retain a copy of home assignments until they are graded and returned. The one who submits a home assignment after the stipulated time has not the right to have it assessed, but must submit it at the next reexamination or obtain a re-examination at another occasion.

For a student who has failed examination, possibility for new test at no more than four occasions is given.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner for the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and it shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22, Higher Education Ordinance).

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student will normally be guaranteed at least three opportunities to take the examination (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For the grade Pass with Distinction the student is required in a particularly productive and critical reflecting way to have shown knowledge and skills in accordance with the learning goals of the course.

The grade Pass cannot be changed to Failed on the student's request. A student who has passed an examination may not participate in a re-examination for higher grades. The person concerned has not the right to revoke a submitted examination to avoid grading. The examiner has the possibility to request supplementary student work for the grade Pass. The supplementary assignment should in such cases be communicated to the student in writing and should be completed in the time period specified by the teacher.

Course evaluation

The department is responsible for carrying out course evaluations systematically and regularly and for seeing to it that they are compiled in accordance with the regulations for course evaluations at The Department of literature, history of ideas and religion (www.lir.gu.se/om-oss/styrdokument).

The result and any changes to the course setup will be communicated to the students who carried out the evaluation and to the students who are to start the course.

