

Course Syllabus

African Studies: Religion and Politics in African societies 9 Credits*, First Cycle Level 2

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political, social and economic features of African societies with particular reference to the interplay between religion and politics in Africa in the 1800s and 1900s
- analyse the emergence, role and importance of different religions in various African societies from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Course Content

This course includes an introduction to the religious landscape of Africa. The various strands of Christianity, Islam and the basic tenets of African and non-Western religions are identified and studied in the context of the economic, political and social environment where they appeared and are present. The course examines more closely broad questions like the following: How does religion affect the political orientation of a society? How are religious differences and conflicts confronted and resolved? What role do religions play in the organisation of social, political and economic life? The course also focuses on the interaction between established religion and new religious systems and movements.

Assessment

Students are assessed through active participation in seminars, the presentation of research reviews and written work.

Forms of Study

The course is taught in the form of lectures and seminars. It uses interdisciplinary approaches and methods to describe and analyse the role of religion and politics in African societies. All teaching is in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

Prerequisites

60 credits in the field of Humanities, Social Sciences or Education and English 6. No knowledge of Swedish is required

Other Information

Replaces HI2003.

Subject:

African Studies

Group of Subjects:

Other Interdisciplinary Studies

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. African Studies

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G2F

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