

Course description

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Course name:	Study of Religion in Social Sciences		
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Department/Unit /	KBS / NPY			Academic Year	2023/2024
Title	Study of Religion in Social Sciences			Type of completion	Exam
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 4 Cred.			Type of completion	Written
Number of hours	Lecture 3 [Hours/Week]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	No
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	YES
Winter semester	8 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	Czech			Semester taught	Winter semester
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	1 2 3 4				
No. of hours of on-premise	0				
Auto acc. of credit	Yes in the case of a previous evaluation 4 nebo nic.				
Periodicity	every year				
Specification periodicity					
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

Students informed discussion of the newest history of the Middle East and North Africa, they are finding support in critically and analytically used professional sources for their opinions or conclusions. They are able to grasp, explain or problematize knowledge about historical trends, transformation processes in Middle Eastern societies after World War II till the present time. Students are able to explain and use specific theoretical frameworks for the interpretation of current Middle Eastern social phenomena. They debate about particular learned discourse. Students analyze and critically use related sources and professional literature. They individually argue about given topics in discussion. They are able to compare usefulness or adequacy of different theoretical approaches.

Requirements on student

self-study of literature

Content

1. Religion as a topic in historical sciences
2. Religion in Assyriology
3. History of thinking about religion and faith
4. Sociology of religion 1
5. Sociology of religion 2
6. Development of religious thinking in the Middle East
7. Religion in perspective of anthropology
8. Cosmogony, cosmology, Theogony, anthropogeny
9. A sacred place, time and its symbolism, cultic calendars
10. Ritual, the theory of rite of passage rituals
11. Demons, monsters and magic, religious symbols
12. Body and clothing, ritual purity, gender and sexuality
13. Dietary rules

Fields of study

Studentům je k dispozici kurz v Moodle se všemi podstatnými informacemi a materiály.

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** prof. PhDr. Petr Charvát, DrSc.
- **Lecturer:** prof. PhDr. Petr Charvát, DrSc. (20%), Mgr. Veronika Sobotková, Ph.D. (70%), Mgr. Věra Tydlitátová, Th.D. (10%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Bowie, Fiona. *Antropologie náboženství*. Praha : Portál, 2008. ISBN 978-80-7367-378-9.
- **Basic:** Fromm, Erich; Machovec, Milan. *Budete jako bohové : radikální interpretace Starého zákona a jeho tradice*. Praha : Lidové noviny, 1993. ISBN 80-7106-075-5.
- **Basic:** Horyna, Břetislav; Pavlincová, Helena. *Dějiny religionistiky : antologie*. Olomouc : Nakladatelství Olomouc, 2001. ISBN 80-7182-123-3.
- **Basic:** Buber, Martin. *Chasidská vyprávění*. Praha : Kalich, 2002. ISBN 80-7017-709-8.
- **Basic:** Beránek, Ondřej. *Ignác Goldziher ? vězeň z Budapešti : život a dílo zakladatele islamologie*. Brno : CDK (Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury), 2010. ISBN 978-80-7325-209-0.
- **Basic:** Newman, Ja'akov; Sivan, Gavri'el; Nosek, Bedřich; Ziss, Daniel; Pavlát, Leo. *Judaismus od A do Z : slovník pojmů a termínů*. Praha : Sefer, 1992. ISBN 80-900895-3-4.
- **Recommended:** Tydlitátová, Věra. *Dějiny přemýšlení o náboženství a víře*. Plzeň : Nakladatelství ZČU, 2010.

Time requirements

Full-time form of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Preparation for an examination (30-60)	65
Contact hours	39
Total:	104

assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Written exam

Skills - skills achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Skills demonstration during practicum

Competences - competence achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Written exam

prerequisite

Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:

- to describe modern history of the Middle East
- to explain perspectives of social sciences and humanities and their potential
- to explain basic phenomena or elements of the three most important monotheisms
- to identify basic academic works on religion in the Middle East and North Africa

Skills - students are expected to possess the following skills before the course commences to finish it successfully:

- to know and individually use key terms that social sciences work with especially in the context of religion

- to work individually with academic literature
- to gather information from current information sources and to critically interpret them
- to use effectively modern information technology
- to identify available academic literature and to evaluate and use it
- to use actively English

Competences - students are expected to possess the following competences before the course commences to finish it successfully:

N/A

N/A

teaching methods

Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:

Lecture supplemented with a discussion
 Discussion
 Self-study of literature
 Individual study
 Textual studies
 Lecture

Skills - the following training methods are used to achieve the required skills:

Lecture supplemented with a discussion
 Textual studies

Competences - the following training methods are used to achieve the required competences:

Lecture supplemented with a discussion
 Textual studies
 Individual study

learning outcomes

Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:

- to define anthropological concepts and theoretical approaches related to the study of religion
- to characterize development in given fields
- to explain various religious facts and phenomena from perspectives of given fields
- to explain anthropological concepts and theoretical approaches
- to name important personalities, movements, events, concepts etc. in the framework of research of Islam and to characterize their meaning
- to know important related academic works and especially sources

Skills - skills resulting from the course:

- to analyse critically available relevant academic sources
- to compare and evaluate of potential of the anthropology of religion in practice
- to critically reflect sources, literature and audiovisual recordings that they work with
- to interpret individually different sources

Competences - competences resulting from the course:

N/A

N/A

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
International Regional Studies	Postgraduate Master	Full-time	Kulturní studia Blízkého východu	1	21-1,2,3	2023	Povinné předměty	A	1	ZS