



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Religious Studies and Theology

# Syllabus

## Religious Studies 3

<b>Course Code:</b>	REGC03
<b>Course Title:</b>	Religious Studies 3 <i>Religionsvetenskap 3</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree proj. for B.A./B.Sc. (G2E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
RKA (Religious Studies)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-03-09, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

The course REGBB2 Religious Studies II, 30 ECTS cr, or equivalent

### Learning Outcomes

Module 1 Practical Placement, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, the students should be able to:

1. apply theoretical religious studies perspectives to practice-related and socially relevant issues,
2. collect and process religious studies material,
3. analyse and independently author a text in a relevant genre,
4. discuss and evaluate the organisation, procedures, working environment and decision-making of a workplace, and
5. identify and formulate problems in religious studies based on practical experience, and link to theoretical arguments.

Module 2 Methods in Religious Studies, 7.5 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, the students should be able to:

1. problematise how religion and religiosity can be studied and analysed as historical, social and societal phenomena,
2. critically review and apply the theories and field-based methods of Religious studies,
3. give an account of problems in current religious studies research, and
4. identify ethical problem areas in religious studies research.

Module 3 Independent project, 15 ECTS cr

Upon completion of the module, the students should be able to:

1. delimit and formulate a relevant research question on the basis of current research in the religious

studies field,

2. select and collect appropriate empirical research data for a study in the field, using appropriate methods,
3. critically and systematically analyse and evaluate the collected data,
4. structure, describe, and discuss the results of the study and relate the findings to current research,
5. demonstrate a research ethical approach,
6. write a formal academic text which conforms to accepted conventions, and
7. critically defend and review others' independent projects.

### **Content**

The course builds on the courses Religious Studies I and II 1-30, and 31-60 ECTS cr. Practical and theoretical methodology is deepened as students perform practical tasks during a placement period and develop field study methods. Religion as a societal phenomenon is emphasised, and current research results are integrated with the focus on using methods and developing an academic and critical approach. The course is concluded with an independent project in an area of religious studies or teaching methodology.

Module 1 is a practical placement course allowing the students to put their previously acquired knowledge and experiences into religious studies practice. Students test, develop and reinforce their knowledge and skills, and develop their ability to work independently in cooperation with others and to communicate orally and in writing. Emphasis is put on the students continuous participation in the daily work and the opportunity to work with study assignments that are beneficial to both the workplace and the student's ability to turn theory into practice.

Students are responsible for arranging their own placement in consultation with the course convener. A workplace supervisor is required and the placement organisation and the Kau department enter into a contract before the placement starts.

Supervision for module 3 is provided for the duration of the course. Students who re-register to complete the project in a later semester are offered supervision if circumstances permit.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

#### **Module 1**

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of a completed placement period of 20 full-time workdays, an individual hand-in assignment assessed by the workplace supervisor and discussed at a mandatory seminar, and on an individual written practical placement report.

#### **Module 2**

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of active participation in methods exercises individually reported in papers and in a proposal for a research relevant problem where ethical aspects are considered.

#### **Module 3**

Learning outcomes are assessed on the basis of an independent project, presented and defended at a mandatory seminar and their performance as a peer reviewer.

Submitted material for assessment must clearly indicate individual contributions. The number of re-examinations is limited to five.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have earned this grade for module 3.

**Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

**Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

**Additional information**

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.