

Science and Religion (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Systematic Theology) and PHILOSOPHY

Course ID: 0371

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). The courses General Ethics (7,5 ECTS credits) as well as History of Philosophy (15 ECTS credits) should also have been completed. Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the students are expected to:

- be able to give an account of some common ways to understand the relation between science and religion;
- be able to give an account of some historical cases of conflict as well as cooperation between science and religion;
- show an understanding of the relevance of different conceptions of rationality for the interpretation of religious beliefs and experiences;
- show the ability to critically reflect on different understandings of the relation between science and religion.

Course content

In this course the relation between science, on the one hand, and religion (particularly Christianity), on the other, is studied from a historical as well as a systematic perspective. This course aims to give the students the ability to critically reflect on the possibilities as well as the limitations of the sciences, especially in relation to the claims and the scope of religions.

Teaching and examination

Local variant

Teaching is given by means of lectures and seminars. Examination will be conducted in the form of a 7 pages long essay (50 % of final grade) as well as a final exam (50 % of final grade).

Half-distance variant

Teaching is given through the course portal, as well as by means of lectures and seminars at one full day meeting. Examination will be conducted in the form of a 7 pages long essay (50 % of final grade) as well as a final exam (50 % of final grade).

Bibliography

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See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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