



Please note that this is not your admissions letter.

Welcome to the University of Gävle and the Course Contemporary religious studies 7,5 credits!

This course is full time course between weeks 35-39. I, **Jari Ristiniemi**, am your course coordinator. Contact me on e-mail jari.ristiniemi@hig or phone **026-64 89 86** if you have any questions about this course.

Syllabus and Timetable

Syllabus in Swedish: [Syllabus](#)

Course timetable: Seminars through internet on the 29th of August, 12th of September and 27th of September between 10.15 am and 12 am. Those at place in Gävle are welcome to the room 32105!

Get Started with Your Studies!

To get started with your studies please follow these three steps. More information at hig.se/newstudent

1 Collect Your Computer Account

You can collect your computer account at hig.se/computeraccount two weeks before the semester starts. Your computer account consists of a username and a password and gives you access to the University web services.

2 Register for your courses

You must be registered on the course to attend lectures and sit exams. You will lose your place on the course if you do not register in time. Please register for your course via the Student Portal: studentportal.hig.se

Period for self-registration: 21 aug – 3 sept

Are you conditionally admitted? [This is what applies to you](#)

3 Log in to Blackboard

The Blackboard platform is a web-based learning management system where you find your course material. You can access Blackboard the day after you register for your course. [Log in to Blackboard](#).

Course	Contemporary religious studies
Course code	RVA000
Application Code	13204 fristående, 13217 Master
Faculty	Faculty of Education and Business
Faculty secretary	Monika Karlsson
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Course Organisation

Through history, identity has been a constantly changing phenomenon. The course addresses the concepts of culture, nation, gender, race, religion and identity, and how these influenced the individual's scope of action and her self-understanding. The course contains a critical review of claims that people have gone from collective self-understanding to an individualistic during the transition from early modern to modern and postmodern times. Within the course, the connection between identity and culture / popular culture will be studied in more detail. An introduction to the Arab world's modern political history with issues such as Arabic identity, unitary endeavors, the position of women and the relationship with Europe is included in the course. The course is given as a modified distance course. This means that you as a student are capable of participation in the seminars in real time. The participation is not mandatory and you are able to see the seminars afterwards on www.vicom.se.

Communication

The course communication will happen both through the learning platform Blackboard and through email contacts.

Registration for Written Exams

Registration for exams is not mandatory as exams happen through written essays.

Course Evaluation

After completion of your course a web-based course evaluation questionnaire will be sent to your e-mail address. Your answers in the course evaluation are very valuable and your comments will help us improve and develop the course for the future. All students registered on the course will receive a course evaluation report with all answers compiled.

General Information

Library

The library is located in the middle of the campus and is open to everybody. Welcome to the library to activate your entrance card as a library card. You can reach all digital resources such as e-books and e-journals after logging in with your computer account. You can read more about the library services at hig.se/biblioteket

Campus

A map of the campus area is available at hig.se/newstudent

HIG Card

This card works as an entrance card and gives you access to doors and computer rooms. The card also works as a library card as well as a copy card. You can get the card at the reception desk at the Student Centre.

IT Support

This is where you turn if you encounter any problems regarding your computer account or any other IT related problems. The IT support is open for visits 09.00-15.00 in building 22, Monday to Friday. You can also contact them by telephone +46 (0)26 64 88 00 or email itsupport@hig.se

Course syllabus and Reading List

Find your syllabus at hig.se/syllabuses

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Course Timetable

Registered students at the University of Gävle can find the course timetables in the Student Portal. If you are not registered, you may find course timetables through our online timetable search service at schema.hig.se

Student Accommodation

You need to apply for accommodation yourself. Please remember to do so in good time before your arrival. You can find information about how to apply for student accommodation at hig.se/newstudent

The Student Centre

At the Student Centre you will meet knowledgeable staff who can assist you in just about anything regarding your studies at the University of Gävle. The Student Centre is located in building 22. You can also find a café in the area and a TV display showing the daily timetabling. You can contact the Student Centre by email at studentcentrum@hig.se

Student support

Sometimes you need help to manage your studies and student life. At the University of Gävle we have several support functions to help you deal with various study-related situations, such as, for example, student health care and support for disabled students. For more information about student support at the University of Gävle, please visit hig.se/studiestod