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Faculty of Law

## **JAMR25, Human Rights in the Field, 7.5 credits**

*Human Rights in the Field, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2009-03-03 and was valid from 2009-03-03 , autumn semester 2009.

### **General Information**

The course Human Rights in the Field is an elective course within the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law at the Faculty of Law. The course is also an optional (elective) course for students within the programme leading to a Swedish professional degree Master of Laws within the specialization in International Human Rights Law. The course is also open to international students participating in exchange programmes with the Faculty of Law.

*Language of instruction:* English

Lectures and course material are in English.

The course is scheduled to require 5 weeks of full time studies.

*Main field of studies*

Human Rights

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

The aim of the course is to provide the students with an insight into how the international human rights law regime is applied throughout the world, exemplified by the work of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in its different programmes.

### **Knowledge and understanding**

To pass examination the student shall:

- show an in-depth understanding of the complexity of implementing human rights law,
- show a fundamental understanding about strategies to implement human rights effectively,
- show a fundamental understanding about difficulties in the implementation of international human rights instruments at domestic level,
- show a fundamental understanding on the assessment of human rights problems and on how legal change can be promoted,
- show a fundamental understanding on how human rights projects influence legal and policy change in different regions.

### **Competence and skills**

To pass examination the student shall:

- show the ability to adopt strategies to answer challenges in the implementation of human rights law,
- show the ability to master different international human rights instruments,
- analyze human rights standards in view of their effective implementation in a local context,
- assess legal and policy issues that could hamper the full implementation of human rights.

### **Judgement and approach**

To pass examination the student shall:

- show the ability of using multi-disciplinary approaches to foster the interaction between civil society, national institutions and government,
- show the ability to discuss human rights issues with colleagues from different cultural backgrounds and of the opposite gender,
- show the ability of conducting independent research of specific human rights matters in an objective but critical manner.

### **Course content**

The aim of the course is to provide the students with insight into how the practical application of international human rights standards can be promoted, as exemplified by the work of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute. The Raoul

Wallenberg operates in different thematic projects throughout the world. The students will learn about the Institutes different activities by strengthening human rights in different regions. The course will address the diversities and communalities of human rights problems in the different regions. Aside from learning more about the legal human rights work in practice, the students will be trained to solve probing legal problems.

## **Course design**

The course is given by the Faculty of Law together with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and will invite the programme staff at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute to cover seminars. They will provide insights on human rights work, on legal problems and on possible solutions.

Teaching is structured in lectures and seminars. The seminars will train the skills learned in the lectures through interactive group work, where they are expected to critically examine international human rights standards and aspects related to their practical application. In the last week of the course, the students will be required to participate in a project, where they are expected to apply those skills.

## **Assessment**

Examination is in the form of an take home exam at the end of the course which constitutes 75% of the final grade. Student performance in the project will constitute 25% of the final grade.

The student obtains knowledge and competences as above by individual studies of the course literature and other course material, and by taking active part of lectures and seminars.

Active class participation can have an impact on the result of the final mark in borderline cases.

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction.

## **Entry requirements**

Passed examinations in the courses corresponding to the first term of the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law (30 credits).

## **Further information**

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

## Literature

Electronic reader with texts assigned by the examiners.