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Faculty of Social Sciences

FKVC36, Peace and Conflict Studies: International Criminal Justice: When Law meets Politics, 7.5 credits

Freds- och konfliktvetenskap: Internationell straffrätt: när rätten möter politiken, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2021-11-17 and was last revised on 2021-11-17. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-01-17, spring semester 2022.

General Information

The course is offered as an elective course in the candidate course in Peace and conflict science and is open to exchange students.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Political Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles in the international penal law
- demonstrate an understanding of the broader historical and political context where international penal law has been developed and continues to be developed

Competence and skills

- demonstrate the ability to connect the political reality with how the international penal law is applied in court
- demonstrate the ability to apply concepts and criticism that has been discussed during the course on real or hypothetical scenarios
- demonstrate the ability to communicate and discuss different conceptions of international penal law

Judgement and approach

- have a critical and reflecting setting to the sentences and decisions of international criminal case courts.

Course content

The course offers a critical reading of the work undertaken by all international criminal courts and tribunals. Throughout the course students will study basic tenants of Criminal Justice and their application at the International level to discover the fragility of the international legal system, its interplay with global, regional and local politics, and the challenges of reconciling justice with the interest of states. Topics covered during the course include issues such as: the selection of cases at the international level, the relation of courts with states (participants and by-standers), the setting of goals and the measuring results of courts, determining the societal impact that courts have in the international community, determining the impact courts have on individuals (end-users) such as victims and accused, the role of international criminal courts in the writing/re-writing of history, the effectiveness of courts in responding to ever-growing international criminality and the alternatives available to address the same. The aim of the course is to present students of the peace and conflict program with challenging debates regarding the state of international criminality and justice, to test criticisms in the field with real-life practice, and to spark debates regarding solutions or alternatives to all the limitations of the international criminal justice system.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and seminar participation. Participation in the seminars is compulsory. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties related to elected office, e.g. as a student representative.

Assessment

The examination takes place partly in the form of an oral presentation, partly through a written test.

The course consists of a series of thematic lectures focused on the main criticisms and problems of International Criminal law and seminars. Students are assessed on two items: 1) as a presenter in one seminar, and 2) on a final paper of ca. 5000 words.

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Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades in the course are given according to a scale from A to Fail. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A, the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student will have shown unacceptable results.

At the grading, 70 percents of the grade are based on the written test, 30 percents on the oral presentation.

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

Entry to the course requires passed studies in peace and conflict science extensive 1-60 credits.

Subcourses in FKVC36, Peace and Conflict Studies: International Criminal
Justice: When Law meets Politics

Applies from V22

2201 International Criminal Justice: When Law meets Politics, 7,5 hp
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