



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## FPRD01, Human Rights from a Philosophical Perspective, 3 credits

*Human Rights from a Philosophical Perspective, 3 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2025-02-11 (U 2025/108). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-02-11 and is valid from the autumn semester 2025.

### General information

The course is offered as a free-standing course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of study*      *Specialisation*

-                      G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the students shall

#### Knowledge and understanding

- be able to identify and account for some key philosophical theories on human rights
- be able to identify objections to influential philosophical views on human rights
- be able to explain some key concepts central for philosophical discussions on human rights

#### Competence and skills

- be able to summarize central philosophical approaches to human rights

- be able to apply philosophical approaches to human rights on contemporary issues
- be able to present and analyse central theories of relevance to human rights, orally and in writing

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to critically reflect on the central theories and concepts presented in the course

### **Course content**

The course is an introduction to philosophical approaches to human rights. It provides a historical overview of philosophical theories of human rights and their justification. We will examine the merits and drawbacks of suggested approaches, exploring key theories, principles, and debates that have shaped our understanding of what human rights are and who has them. The nature and legitimacy of human rights will be critically assessed. Finally, we will apply these theories to contemporary issues.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of online lectures and group exercises. There will be two obligatory online seminars.

The course is offered entirely as a distance learning course using an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Participants are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection as well as functioning speakers, microphone, and web camera.

If, due to circumstances beyond their control, such as accidents, sudden illness or similar, students are unable to carry out a compulsory component, the University is responsible for ensuring that an equivalent alternative or another time for the component is offered. This also applies to students participating in activities in an elected position as a student representative.

### **Assessment**

Assessment is based on a written take-home exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

### **Grades**

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

### **Entry requirements**

General requirements

### **Further information**

- The course is offered at the Department of Philosophy, Lund University.