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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRSB01, Human Rights Studies: Public International Law, 7.5 credits

Mänskliga rättigheter: Folkrätt, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2020-01-27 to be valid from 2020-01-27, autumn semester 2020.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Human Rights Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a general description of the conceptual origin of the international legal system and its continued development
- account for the different parts, actors and functions of the international legal system
- provide a general description of the different sources and theories on legislative drafting in international law

Competence and skills

- account for the significance of state sovereignty and the interaction of the states in the international legal system
- account for the specific preconditions and limitations of the international legal system as an instrument of power and emancipation
- independently assess international situations in relation to international law

Judgement and approach

- approach the criticism on the legitimacy of public international law and formulate an individual position in relation to key critical theories
- assess their own expertise and identify the need for further knowledge.

Course content

The course gives an introduction to public international law as a legal system. In the course, modern international public law is studied as a very large and complex system in which an increasing number of actors interact with each other based on their own ideas and preconditions. An overview is provided of the public international law system as a whole and expectations and ideas on actors, legal positivism, natural law and legislative drafting are problematised. In particular, the course focuses on common law, treaty law, states, sovereignty and state responsibility, which are all part of public international law and central to the functioning of the legal system.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Seminars are compulsory. Absence from a compulsory component is to be compensated for with an assignment in accordance with the instructions of the lecturer.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on 1-4 written assignments.

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.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all assessed components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must also have been awarded this grade for all assessed course components.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Division of Human Rights Studies, Department of History, Lund University.
2. The course replaces parts of MRSA01.
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details, see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in MRSB01, Human Rights Studies: Public International Law

Applies from H20

2001 Human Rights Studies: Public International Law, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction