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UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **MRSB02, Human Rights Studies: Human Rights and Religion, 7.5 credits**

*Mänskliga rättigheter: Mänskliga rättigheter och religion, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2020-09-07 to be valid from 2021-01-01, spring semester 2021.

### **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*

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*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**

- describe and provide concrete examples of issues in which human rights and religion come into conflict
- account for current interpretations of human rights based on different religions

#### **Competence and skills**

- discuss religion and human rights from scholarly perspectives
- discuss legal issues in a complex social context

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically assess strengths and weaknesses in arguments and different positions in current debates on human rights and religion
- relate to and reflect on the importance of religious contexts for the realisation of human rights

### **Course content**

Human rights are based on an ideology that is often considered incompatible with religious perspectives. The course covers issues in which human rights and contemporary religion come into conflict, the collision between individual and collective rights. The course presents a multidisciplinary overview of and introduction to human rights and religion based on current debates. Students discuss perspectives on human rights and religion with a focus on concepts, values and applications to real challenges of the present day. What carries more weight, religious freedom or human rights? During the course, students discuss rights and obligations in relation to religion and ethics, structures that characterise religions in general and human rights in a complex social context.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures and 2-4 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 1-2 written assignments and 1-2 oral seminar presentations.

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 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 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 MRSB02, Human Rights Studies: Human Rights and Religion

Applies from V21

2101 Human Rights and Religion, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction