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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRS31, Human Rights Studies: Level 3, 30 credits
Mänskliga rättighetsstudier: Fördjupningskurs, 30 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-04-05 and was valid from 2012-04-05, autumn semester 2014.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the Bachelor of Arts programme in Human Rights Studies. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Human Rights Studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

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Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for and critically analyse key conceptual positions within the field of rights, in the past and the present
- provide a systematising account of the interaction between different philosophical ideas of rights as concepts and phenomena and the view on human rights as a political practice and object of judicial regulation

Competence and skills

- identify issues related to rights in a complex societal context and analyse them from historical, philosophical and legal perspectives
- independently seek, collect, process and critically evaluate relevant source material, published research and information, and present it in the standard manner of the the subject
- identify a relevant research area within human rights, and formulate, plan and, within a predetermined time frame, execute a research project within the area
- communicate, discuss and review in both speech and writing their own and others' projects, based on theoretical and methodological perspectives
- formulate in writing and orally discuss policy issues based on government documents, organisation reports and resolution texts

Judgement and approach

- informed by the theory of science and ethics, take a logically coherent critical, reflective and analytical position on theories and research methods of relevance to the subject

Course content

The course provides students with specialised knowledge and skills in the main field of human rights, including a certain freedom of choice with regard to literature and the topic of the degree project. Key theoretical perspectives on rights are studied, focusing on ontology, knowledge claims and values. The theoretical studies are accompanied by method training in text, argumentation and discourse analysis. The course continues with a thematic case study of human rights in context, focusing on a whole country in relation to the relevant region and the international community. The topics addressed include self-governance, colonialism, intervention, sanctions and political and social development. All students study the same case but also conduct an individually adapted specialisation study. The course is concluded by the students applying their theoretical and methodological knowledge and skills and specialised knowledge of the subject to the composition of a research study.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Human Rights in Theory, 10 credits
2. Human Rights in Context, 10 credits
3. Thesis, 10 credits.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Participation in seminars is compulsory. The compulsory course components may include assignments. The teaching on module 3 consists of group supervision and student-led seminars with compulsory participation.

Assessment

The assessment of module 1 is based on participation in the compulsory seminars and approximately five written assignments.

The assessment of module 2 is based on approximately three written assignments, approximately two oral presentations and participation in a role play in groups.

Module 3 is assessed on the basis of a paper and the student's defence of their own paper and critical review of a fellow student's paper at a paper seminar.

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 on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least 20 of the credits of the course and the grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed Human Rights Studies: Level 2 (30 credits) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Division of Human Rights Studies at the Department of History, Lund University.
2. Course title in Swedish: Mänskliga rättighetsstudier: Fördjupningskurs
3. Module titles in Swedish:

1. Mänskliga rättigheter i teorin, 10 högskolepoäng
2. Mänskliga rättigheter i kontext, 10 högskolepoäng
3. Uppsatskurs, 10 högskolepoäng

4. The course replaces MRSK30.
5. The course is valid from the autumn semester 2014.

Subcourses in MRSG31, Human Rights Studies: Level 3

Applies from H14

- 1201 Human Rights in Theory, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1202 Human Rights in Context, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1203 Thesis, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1204 Opposition, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction