



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **MRSK61, Human Rights Studies: Bachelor Course, 30 credits**

*Mänskliga rättigheter: Kandidatkurs, 30 högskolepoäng*

**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **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 2013-04-05 and was last revised on 2015-09-18 by the pro-dean for first-cycle studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The revised syllabus applied from 2015-09-18, autumn semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Bachelor of Arts programme in Human Rights Studies. It makes up the final semester of the programme. The course can normally 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*

G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for BA/BSc

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- theoretically, ethically and legally analyse challenges associated with practical rights work in a complex social context
- clearly provide a specialised account for a key research issue in the area of human rights in an independent project

- account for theoretical implications of methodological choices

### **Competence and skills**

- identify, formulate and critically address theoretically and methodologically complex issues within predetermined time frames
- independently map and describe the knowledge development within human rights and master correct reference management
- communicate in speech and writing their own projects and those of others to a group and structure and lead a group discussion
- independently identify, describe and analyse how human rights have been conceptualised and practised in national and international societal contexts and situations addressed in the programme

### **Judgement and approach**

- assess the advantages and challenges of a multidisciplinary approach to research issues
- independently assess their knowledge and abilities in the area of human rights and identify their need of reinforcing them
- develop and reconsider their acquired abilities, insights and positions in speech and writing

### **Course content**

The course enables students to specialise in human rights through focusing on critical analysis, integration of theory and practice and independent project work individually and in groups. At the beginning of the course, the students individually address and critically analyse an authentic case from the point of view of their experiences from internship, study abroad or perspectival studies. The analysis is to be performed individually or in groups. The process takes place in groups, and some of the reading is shared. The course continues with a thematic module including individual and research-based specialisation in view of the degree project and working life. Here, also, some of the reading is shared. The course is concluded by the students applying their theoretical and methodological insights and specialised subject knowledge to a research study.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Practice, 7.5 credits,
2. Individual Specialisation, 7.5 credits,
3. Degree Project, 15 credits.

## Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, individual appraisals and student-led seminars. Participation in seminars is compulsory. The compulsory course components may include assignments. On module 3, the teaching consists of supervision in groups and student-led seminars with compulsory participation.

Module 1 is assessed on the basis of participation in compulsory seminars, a written report and an oral presentation.

## Assessment

Module 2 is assessed on the basis of participation in compulsory seminars, a written assignment and a survey of previous research presented in speech and writing.

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.

A report from at least one student-led meeting is required together with the degree project defence and critical review. Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes.

*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.

To be awarded 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 the Degree Project module and a further 7.5 credits, and at least the grade Pass on the remaining credits.

## Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed Human Rights Studies: Level 3 (30 credits) and Human Rights Studies: Internship (30 credits) or a semester of study abroad or the equivalent and a further 30 credits of perspectival studies of relevance to the subject.

### **Further information**

1. The course replaces MRSK60.
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.
3. The course is valid from the spring semester of 2014.
4. The course is offered at the Division of Human Rights Studies at the Department of History, Lund University.
5. Course title in Swedish: Mänskliga rättigheter: Kandidatkurs
6. Module titles in Swedish:

1. Kritiska perspektiv på rättighetsarbete, 7.5 högskolepoäng
2. Individuell specialisering, 7,5 högskolepoäng
3. Examensarbete, 15 högskolepoäng

## Subcourses in MRSK61, Human Rights Studies: Bachelor Course

Applies from V14

- 1301 Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Practice, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1302 Individual Specialization, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1303 Bachelor Thesis, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1304 Opposition, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction