



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **MRSM11, Human Rights in the History of Politics and Philosophy, 15 credits**

*Mänskliga rättigheter i politikens och filosofins historia, 15 högskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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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 2017-11-16 and was last revised on 2019-02-22. The revised syllabus applies from 2019-02-22, autumn semester 2019.

### **General Information**

The course is a compulsory component of the Master's programme in Human Rights Studies.

It is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Human Rights Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- provide a specialised account of key works on human rights as a philosophical concept and political practice in the modern era
- account for different orientations in current research about the historiography of human rights
- account for present-day implications of the historiography of human rights on politics and research, and for key concepts in the field and their applicability

### **Competence and skills**

- argue and account for their assessment of complex issues in speech and writing
- communicate the results of their own work and that of others

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically and independently reflect on key theories and concepts in the field
- provide scholarly analyses and assessments of information

### **Course content**

The course adopts a critical and analytical perspective on the political and philosophical historiography of human rights in the modern era. A particular focus is placed on tendencies and groupings within current research, but also on the study of key original works. The course provides students with a detailed presentation of typical features of political and philosophical theories and conceptualisations of human rights and on ideas about the place and role of human rights in political and philosophical history. It explores debates about the legitimisation and justification of human rights as well as criticism directed at them.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars. Absence from a compulsory seminar is to be compensated for by an assignment in accordance with the instructions of the course director.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on 3-4 written assignments and 1-2 oral 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.

### **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have a first cycle degree in a humanities or social sciences subject including a degree project focusing on human rights, and English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

## **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 MRSM11, Human Rights in the History of Politics and Philosophy

Applies from H18

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction