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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRSM12, Human Rights in the Global World: Agents, Indicators, and Institutions, 15 credits

Mänskliga rättigheter i den globaliserade världen: Aktörer, indikatorer och institutioner, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2019-02-25 to be valid from 2019-02-25, 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 relevant theoretical concepts about human rights and global processes, including the importance and implications of adopting different theoretical positions
- account for current research about actors, indicators and institutions in the rights area
- provide an account of how present-day situations can be analysed by means of the tools provided by the course

Competence and skills

- assess theories and concepts about human rights and apply them to topical cases
- account and argue 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 deals with human rights from a global perspective focusing on actors, indicators and institutions with regard to rights. Applying a global perspective entails taking into account the impact of increased globalisation of politics, economics, regulation, the environment, conflict, migration and activism on the understanding and work concerning human rights, internationally as well as nationally and locally. Actors refer to actors holding rights or obliged to grant rights. Indicator is defined broadly as a practical and theoretical standard for the assessment of development of the rights area in different sectors. Institutions refer to the political and social infrastructure in which rights actors operate and to varying degrees and in various ways promote or inhibit the development of rights. Among other things, the course highlights how global and political changes affect who is viewed as a rights actor or an institution. The course encourages critical perspectives and reflection on the implications of adopting different positions through studies of current literature from different research areas of relevance to rights as well as studies and assessment of authentic cases.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars. Absence from the compulsory seminars can be compensated for by an assignment in accordance with instructions from 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 MRSM12, Human Rights in the Global World: Agents, Indicators, and Institutions

Applies from H22

- 2201 Agents, Indicators, and Institutions, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2202 The formal status, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H21

- 2101 Agents, Indicators, and Institutions, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 2102 The formal status, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction