



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRSN01, Human Rights Studies: Feminist Political Philosophy, 7.5 credits

*Mänskliga rättigheter: Feministisk politisk filosofi, 7,5
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 2020-06-01 to be valid from 2021-01-01, spring semester 2021.

General Information

The course is an elective course in the Master's programme in Human Rights Studies (HMRS).

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

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

- in an advanced way, give an account of the basic starting points, issues and concepts of feminist political philosophy
- in an advanced way, give an account of different directions in contemporary feminist political philosophy
- give an account of feminist approaches to human rights and their applicability to current social problems

Competence and skills

- independently discuss and problematise the starting points, issues and concepts of feminist philosophy
- independently identify and analyse how human rights can be conceptualised from a feminist perspective
- apply feminist perspectives to key rights problems
- discuss analytically the relation between activist and theoretical approaches in feminist thinking
- communicate and discuss the results of their own and other's work both orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

- reflect critically and independently on key theory and concept formation in feminist political philosophy
- independently assess the contribution of feminist political philosophy to issues involving human rights
- analyse and evaluate information on a scientific basis
- develop and reconsider their acquired abilities, insights and positions both orally and in writing

Course content

The course provides an advanced overview of key contributions to contemporary feminist political philosophy and applies critical analytical perspectives to these. The course places an emphasis on the specific contributions of feminist thinking to political philosophy with a main focus on the present day. The course covers current debates about the relation between policy, ethics and knowledge as well as feminist norm-critical perspectives on concept formation. There is a particular focus on global issues such as justice, power and human rights and on the relation between feminist thinking in the Global North and South. The students are given the opportunity, through the required reading and other course material, to specialise in a rights issue relevant to feminism, for example gender aspects of development, women's health, discrimination, violence or activism.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and 4-5 compulsory seminars. Absence from the compulsory seminar can be compensated for by an assignment in accordance with instructions from the course director.

Assessment

The course is assessed through 2-3 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.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

The grade of Pass requires a grade of Pass on all assessed components. The grade of Pass with Distinction requires, in addition to the above, the grade of Pass with Distinction for the major part of the assessed components.

Entry requirements

Entry to the course requires 90 credits in a main field of study in the humanities or social sciences.

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.