



Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MRSN02, Human Rights Studies: Thematic Specialization Course I, 7.5 credits

*Mänskliga rättigheter: Tematisk fördjupningskurs I, 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 2020-05-29 to be valid from 2021-01-01, spring semester 2021.

General Information

The course is an elective course in the Master of Arts 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

- provide a specialised account and explanation of the meaning of key issues and theories in the thematic field of the course from a multidisciplinary perspective
- relate to and problematise the research situation in depth in the thematic field of the course

Competence and skills

- summarise, interpret and critically review scholarly texts on the theme of the course
- use different theories and perspectives to carry out an independent advanced analysis of phenomena within the theme of the course
- communicate their knowledge and research results to different audiences in a professional manner in both speech and writing and within predetermined time frames

Judgement and approach

- critically use and apply different definitions, interpretations and values in the required reading in authentic cases
- pursue a critical, academic discussion about key scholarly and conceptual positions within the theme of the course.

Course content

The course provides students with advanced specialisation within research themes in the multidisciplinary field of human rights studies. During the course, the student may specialise in a research domain linked to current research. The possible themes include human rights in governmental and non-governmental organisations, human rights and political values, migration and refugee issues, historical justice, feminist perspectives on human rights, human rights and humanitarianism. The contents are established for each course instance.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Seminars may be compulsory. Absence from a compulsory component is to be compensated for by an assignment in accordance with the instructions of the course director.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on one to three minor written assignments and a final written assignment.

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.

For the grade of Pass, the student must be awarded at least the grade of Pass on all components. For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the final written assignment.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have a first cycle degree in a humanities or social sciences discipline including a degree project focusing on human rights, as well as 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. This course replaces parts of MRSM20.
3. 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.