



TSFS11, An International Perspective on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance, 7.5 credits

*Ett Internationellt perspektiv på mänskliga rättigheter, demokrati
och styrning, 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 2016-02-26 to be valid from 2016-02-26, spring semester 2016.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course in the context of the contract education Social Innovation in a Digital Context. The course can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Technology and Social Change

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 basic account of the international discourse on legislation and democracy in support of human rights and the development of human rights
- account for human rights and the most important legislation governing them, specifically with regard to digital media and communication
- account for and use key concepts concerning human rights
- describe how human rights can contribute to social innovation in a context where digital media play an important role

Competence and skills

- use selected examples to discuss in speech and writing human rights in relation to social innovation and contemporary digital media
- analyse current information and political discussions concerning human rights
- identify problem areas within the current theme of the course of relevance to social innovation and present-day digital media
- formulate a relevant issue with regard to the problem area in consultation with the actors concerned
- propose a solution adapted to the chosen issue
- present a proposed solution in a relevant form

Judgement and approach

- explain their choice of issue, problem and form of presentation
- evaluate the possibilities and limitations of human rights, justify their role in society and explain and argue for the responsibility of society and people for how they are used
- identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for their ongoing learning

Course content

The course focuses on a theoretical understanding of human rights on the basis of studies of international discourses of law and democracy and their development. It provides the participants with a historical perspective on the development of human rights and the laws that support human rights. The course adopts a historical perspective to deal with societal and social change, how to identify human rights and their potential. Furthermore, it addresses the potential of human rights in relation to the participants' own proposals for social innovation and projects of change.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and scheduled group exercises. Participation in 5-8 seminars and the group exercises is compulsory.

The course is offered partially as a distance learning course and makes use of an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are expected to participate on these conditions and to have access to a computer with internet connection. The department provides information about the technical requirements.

The course includes an introductory component of 1-2 weeks requiring face to face meetings.

Assessment

The assessment is based on continuous assignments and a final paper.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, participants must have a Bachelor's degree in an optional subject.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the Centre left Work, Technology and Social Change (WTS), Lund University
2. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
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.
4. This course replaces TSFS01.