



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Studies

1FU210 Mänsklig säkerhet och hållbar utveckling, 7,5  
högskolepoäng

1FU210 Human Security and Sustainable Development, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Peace and Development Studies

### **Subject Group**

Peace and Development Research

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2022-11-14

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

### **Prerequisites**

1-45 credits in peace and development studies, social sciences or relevant subject within the field of humanities.

## Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- distinguish between human security and sustainable development, and compare each with alternative paradigms in peace and development studies,
- discuss the consequences of conflict and inequality in the context of human security and sustainable development,
- explain how challenges of the Anthropocene impact human security and sustainable development,
- analyse public policies in the context of human security and sustainable development.

## Content

Throughout the last decades, human security and sustainable development have been fundamental concepts both in the academic discourse and on the international policy agenda related to the nexus between peace and development. Centred on people rather

than nations, human security focuses on identifying and reducing risks to the survival, well-being and dignity of human beings. Sustainable development comprises environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Though mutually reinforcing on a conceptual level, recent threats associated with climate change, violent conflict, pandemics, horizontal inequalities and digital technology have caused a disconnection between development and human security. This course defines the paradigms of human security and sustainable development, and closely examines the relationship between them. The value of either concept will be examined in relation to threats and risks identified at different scale and scope. Students will apply the concepts to numerous case studies in international development cooperation and human security interventions.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, supervised group work and seminars.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail. Fx is formally not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to supplement their examination.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, all the objectives must be fulfilled. Examination of the course takes place by means of written group assignments and an individual written take-home exam.

Students who fail to receive the grade of Pass (i.e. they have received the grade of F) at the scheduled examination date will have the opportunity to retake the exam close to the original exam date.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

## Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1FU160, 7.5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Andersen-Rodgers, David & Kerry F Crawford. 2022. *Human Security: Theory and Action. Peace and Security in the 21st Century*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield (330 pages). ISBN: 9781538159927

UNDP. 2022. *New Threats to Human Security in the Anthropocene. Demanding Greater Solidarity*. New York: UN (175 pages)

Topic specific peer-reviewed articles (300 pages)