



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PA14U Demokrati- och hatbrott, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Democracy and hate crimes, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2021-09-22

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

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

- account for the democracy and hate crime concepts on the basis of a criminological and legal perspective,
- account for and discuss the role of crime victims in the Swedish legal system based on the perspective of equal value of all of human beings,
- discuss the structure of the legal process, crime prevention, and forms of cooperation between the police, municipality and the civil society in terms of democracy and hate crimes,
- account for how the local, regional and the national status on democracy and hate crimes can be defined.

Content

The aim of the course is for students to acquire knowledge and skills in terms of being able to identify, investigate and prevent democracy and hate crime. Problematisation of case studies and course concepts is based on that the students in their professional roles within the police, local authorities or region should be able to handle events and cases where individuals as well as groups are subjected to crime due to their group affiliation. The type of crime and its causes and consequences are looked into on the basis of three different perspectives; law, criminology and investigation and prevention. Themes discussed are human rights, issues relating to crime victims and crimes against ethnic groups as well as different professional groups.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and workshops with exercises based on cases.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course takes place by means of:

- an individual written assignment comprising 0.5 credits,
- six group assignments each comprising 0.5 credits. These group assignments consist of attending seminars and co-writing written assignments,
- an individual paper comprising 4 credits.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives of all examinations must be attained.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the student receives the grade of Pass with Distinction for the individual paper.

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.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Granström, Görel, Mellgren, Caroline, & Tiby, Eva. (Latest edition). *Hatbrott?: en introduktion*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (135 p.)

Granström, Görel & Mannelqvist, Ruth (Eds.) (Latest edition). *Brottsoffer – rättsliga perspektiv*. Lund, Studentlitteratur. (170 p.)

Holgersson, Stefan. (2018). *Polisens utredningsverksamhet en studie av polisens arbete med demokrati- och hatbrott på nätet*. Linköping: Linköping University Electronic Press. (98 p.) Available on the Internet.

Larsson, Göran, Sorgenfrei, Simon & Viklund, Tanja (Eds.) (2020). *Religion, migration och polisiärt arbete*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (316 p.) ISBN: 9789144141695.

Roxell, Lena. (2011). Hate, Threats, and Violence. A Register Study of Persons Suspected of Hate Crime. *Journal of Scandinavian Studies in Criminology and Crime Prevention* 12(2), pp. 198-215, (18 p.)

Svensson, Måns, Björkenfeldt, Oscar, Åström, Fredrik & Dahlstrand, Karl. (2021). *Näthät och demokratiskt deltagande – en kunskapsöversikt*. Umeå: Brottsoffermyndigheten. (69 p.) ISBN: 9789198302059. Available on the Internet.