



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK148 Internationell demokrati och mänskliga rättigheter, 15  
högskolepoäng

International Democracy and Human Rights, 15 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-01

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

### **Prerequisites**

A minimum of 30 ECTS credits in any subject.

## Objectives

Upon course completion the student shall be able to:

- Show thorough knowledge and comprehension of the notion of democracy, democratization and human rights;
- Show thorough knowledge and comprehension of favourable and unfavourable factors relevant to democracy and human rights;
- Show thorough knowledge and comprehension of the contemporary situation of democracy and human rights in the world, with specific focus on the level of freedom in Europe,
- Show thorough knowledge and comprehension of how to conduct an independent study by gathering information, interpreting data, conducting analysis and present results.

## Content

International Democracy and Human Rights focuses on how norms plays a pivotal role in determining European politics and European relations to the world. Europe is by far the most democratized region in the world; the democratization in southern and eastern European states changed the European political landscape in favour of democratic governance, and led to a European zone of peace. This course discusses the favourable/unfavourable factors to democratization and human rights development, but also analyses European democracy and human rights promoters, and their impact on

European and global freedom. This course includes an independent project. Students will conduct research that is to be supervised and discussed at seminars. The project aims to develop students' skills in how to conduct an independent project and aims to prepare the students for their future career.

### Type of Instruction

Tutoring consist of lectures, seminars and/or assignments. The course is given in English.

### Examination

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

Each module is to be assessed through a written and/or oral exam, furthermore seminars may occur.

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 (i.e. received the grade F). Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the regular examination.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The compilation is delivered to the programme council, as well as to the teacher of the course. The next time the course is given the students are informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any changes that have been made in the course.

### Credit Overlap

This course cannot be part of a degree in combination with another course in which the content fully or partly correspond to the content of this course: 1SK195

### Other

The course is given within the European Studies Programme (180 SHEC / 180 ECTS). It is also given as a separate course available for international students at Linnaeus University.

Grade criteria for the A–F scale are communicated to the student through a special document. The student is to be informed about the grade criteria for the course by the start of the course at the latest.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

#### Required reading

1. Linz. Juan J. 2000. *Totalitarian and Authoritarian regimes*. Boulder, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers
2. Haerpfer, Christian mfl. (red.)2009. *Democratization*. Oxford University Press.

Articles (100 pages)

Available on the web or provided by instructor