



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

1SK153 Internationell rätt om mänskliga rättigheter, 7,5
högskolepoäng

International Human Rights Law, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

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Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-01

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2015

Prerequisites

Basic entry requirement

Objectives

After completing the course the students will:

- Be able to understand foundations of legal aspects of human rights
- Be able to encompass the knowledge of the present and developing systems, laws and norms for the protection of human rights in the world today, at international, regional and national levels
- Be able to understand the relationship between international human rights and national legal system
- Having the ability to analyse critically, scientifically and independently, the discriminatory and abusive social, political, religious and cultural values and attitudes and to reformulate, interpret and translate them in accordance with the spirit and legal meaning of international law and human rights law

Content

The course will cover the sources and nature of international legal rules about human rights, the associated legal processes and the relationship of these international rules to individuals, organisations and states. Ideological and cultural perspectives will be discussed, as well as sources of violation, the United Nations, regional and national systems, women's rights, children rights, minority rights and the role of non-governmental organisations.

The course will analyse and criticize issues in human right from a perspective of equality between the sexes.

Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises, case-works, roleplay and seminars. Participation in exercises and seminars is compulsory.

Examination

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

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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 written evaluation is conducted and compiled in a report, which is filed at the department. The result and actions, if taken, are communicated to the teacher responsible for the course and presented to the students in the way most appropriate according to the teacher responsible for the course. Other types of evaluations, such as continuous during the course or oral communication with the students, can occur and is encouraged to secure continuous quality improvement.

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: 1SK172

Other

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

Smith, Rhona K.M. *Textbook on International Human Rights Law* (2005) or latest edition, ISBN 0-19-927416-9, Oxford Press. 371 pages.

Study Material (Legal texts, Articles and Cases).