



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK156 Mänskliga rättigheter i Europa, 15 högskolepoäng

European Human Rights Law, 15 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-29

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for university studies.

Objectives

The general objective of this course is to enable students to develop the ability to understand the norms of European Human Rights Law and be able to apply these norms professionally in a professional manner in private as well as public life.

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- understand the historical and philosophical development of human rights in Europe
- gain an understanding of the importance of human rights
- develop and expand their theoretical knowledge of different European Human Rights Conventions
- become familiar with the practical implementation procedures and institutions such as the European Court of Human Rights
- analyse critically, scientifically and independently, the discriminatory and derogatory social, political, religious and cultural values and attitudes and to reformulate, interpret and translate these in accordance with the spirit and meanings of human rights legal principles.

Content

The main theme of this course concerns learning basic legal principles of European legislation in relation to human rights. The course starts with an overview of the international sources of law and philosophical aspects and ideologies behind human rights in Europe. The course then moves on to discussing European organisations and their functions in terms of promoting and implementing human rights norms. The Council of Europe, the European Court of Human rights and the European Union are particularly looked into. On the basis of conventions and other statutory texts, civil and political rights are discussed and analysed, as well as economic, social and cultural rights.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

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In order to receive a grade of E in the entire course, the student must pass all the examinations included. The grades received for the written assignments and the seminar paper are weighted to determine the grade of the entire course. These grades are equally weighted and summarized in accordance with mathematical principles.

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 courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 1SK174

Other

Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a special document. Students shall receive this information at the start of the course, at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Rainey, B., McCormick, p., och Ovey, C. Jacobs, White, and Ovey: *The European Convention on Human Rights*. (Latest edition) Oxford University Press. 792 pages.

Publications, international conventions and cases, 700 pages