



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK176 Uppsats, Internationell rätt och hållbar utveckling, 15  
högskolepoäng

Thesis, Sustainable Development Law, 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 2014-05-28

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2015

### **Prerequisites**

To be admitted to the course it is required to have at least 30 higher education credits from some of the courses International Law and Human Rights, 30 credits, European Human Rights Law, 15 credits, The Law of Sustainable Development, 15 credits, Introduction to International Economic Law, Trade Law and Investment Law, 7,5 credits

## Objectives

The concept of sustainable development as a goal for the future has been discussed, developed and approached mainly in the light of three important dimensions, like human rights (social and political aspects) environment and economics. The outcomes are expected:

- Be able to understand these three dimensions which have developed an integrated, overlapping and balanced structure of legal norms and principles at national, regional and international levels and endorsed a new branch of law – the law of sustainable development
- Be able to explore the existing and emerging legal principles and norms concerning sustainable development at international, regional, national and local levels
- Be able to understand the concept of sustainable development is by emphasizing basically four main areas (economics, environment, human rights and gender) and relating them to relevant basic legal rules

- Having the ability to understand the basic legal principles of trade and commercial, environmental and human rights laws and further to apply and to advance these legal norms and principles and practices of sustainable development in the private and public sectors.

## Content

The course comprises of the following elements and contents. The student shall learn the theoretical part of methodology of human rights and sustainable development law. The thesis shall contain the following elements:

- Thesis shall consist of minimum words 9000-9500 words
- Problem formulation, analysis, methodology and results
- Writing of thesis with problem formulation, research methods and analysis
- Oral presentation of the study
- Learning the role of opponent at the presentation of other project
- Produce the thesis/project in print to the department as well as in digital form on the University library website DIVA, in accordance with the rules.

## Type of Instruction

The teaching comprises teacher led supervision and literature studies.

## Examination

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

Writing an independent project (degree project) and oral presentations of it and opposing the degree project of another student.

Results are graded using one of the terms Passed with distinction, Pass or Fail, and A-F according to the ECTS scale.

## 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.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Fons Coomans (ed.), Fred Grünfeld (ed.), Menno T. Kamminga (ed.) *Methods of Human Rights Research* (2009) Maastricht Series in Human Rights. Pages: x + 262 pp.

This book is mainly for Human rights researcher but few parts of this are relevant for those who are writing thesis for Sustainable development law too.

Barry Dalal–Clayton, Stephen Bass. *Sustainable Development Strategies: A resource book*. (2002) The International Institute for Environment and Development Pages: xxiii + 325 pp.

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Study material: Articles on Human rights and Sustainable Development research

methodology. Pages: 200 pp