



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK195 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 the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2009-07-17

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2012

Prerequisites

A minimum of 30 ECTS credits in any subject

Objectives

Upon course completion the student is expected 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 Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

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

Grades are translated into ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

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.

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.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Smith, Rhona K.M. (Latest edition) *Textbook on International Human Rights*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 349 p.

Articles (500 pages)

Materials available on the internet and/or distributed by the tutor