

Course Syllabus

The Ideal of Human Rights: Historical, Philosophical and Political Aspects 7.5 Credits*, First Cycle Level 2

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- describe a theoretical view of rights language that is informed by political philosophy and ethics
- apply a selection of theoretical distinctions on historical and social developments of human rights
- portray, problematize, and discuss the main features of the historical development of human rights
- describe, analyze, and critically relate to the interaction between human rights and local traditions and religions in a selection of historical and contemporary contexts
- describe and critically examine the formation of national and supranational institutions that has been, and is, responsible for the upholding of human rights.

Course Content

Human rights have become a dominant framework for how states and citizens/individuals should act in relation to each other. This course deals with the history of human rights and their contemporary expressions, as well as the philosophy and implied values of the underlying human rights language.

Assessment

Well-prepared and active participation in seminars, oral presentations and written assignments.

Forms of Study

The forms of study are lectures and obligatory seminars. All teaching is in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades U–VG.

Prerequisites

60 credits within history, religious studies, sociology, political science or international relations, and English 6. No knowledge of Swedish is required

Other Information

All teaching is web-based. Seminars and lectures are scheduled at specific times, and active participation is required at the seminars. The student requires a computer, headset, webcam, and internet connection or equivalent technical equipment to take the course.

Replaces RK2003.

Subject:

Religious Studies

Group of Subjects:

Religious Studies

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. History
2. Political Science
3. Religious Studies
4. Sociology

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G2F
2. G2F
3. G2F
4. G2F

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