

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Media, Justice and Human Rights

Medier, rättvisa och mänskliga rättigheter

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	MK7036
Valid from:	Spring 2017
Date of approval:	2016-09-05
Department	Department of Media Studies
Main field:	Communications Studies/Media and Communication Studies
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This course plan has been approved by The faculty board of The Faculty of Humanities and by The board of directors of The Department of Media Studies 2016-09-05.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's Degree in Humanities or Social Sciences (including an independently written thesis of 15 ECTS) and English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MJH1	Media, Justice and Human Rights	7.5

Course content

The course examines media roles in relation to justice and human rights, including communication rights, and embraces on a wider scale the challenges and opportunities that globalization and digitalization make in the context.

The close ties between the media, justice and human rights are established and used as a basis for further discussions on responsibility and solidarity, especially those linked to crisis situations, and how this affects media in its different forms: the media as witnesses, the media as an arena for other witnesses, media reporting on human rights and justice, media reporting as a way to uphold human rights and/or justice/injustice, and so on. The focus is on areas such as climate change, migration, war and minorities, and reflects on how we relate to the "other", for example by using perspectives from cosmopolitanism theories. The cases studied spans many geographic areas and reaches across many different forms of media and media platforms (eg analog, digital, news, video games).

Learning outcomes

Having completed the course the student has demonstrated an ability to

- use and critically assess theories of media, justice and human rights; this in relation to different parts of the world, different groups of people and different topics raised during the course.
- independently relate different perspectives on media, justice and human rights to each other and be able to apply them on various media contexts

- critically reflect on the importance of globalization and digitalisation regarding media, justice and human rights.

Education

Tuition takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and workshops. Attendance and active participation at seminars and workshops are obligatory. Tuition is in English. For more information see course description. A course description will be available no later than two months before the start of the course.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined through a home examination.

b) Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale: A = Excellent B = Very Good C = Good

D = Satisfactory E = Adequate Fx = Insufficient

F = Fail c) The grading criteria are to be distributed at the beginning of the course. Announced grade criteria are binding. d) To obtain a grade for the whole course, a grade of at least E on the examination assignment, active participation in all seminars and workshops, and completion of seminar tasks and obligatory assignments are required. Absence from seminars is to be compensated with additional written tasks. Examination assignments that are not submitted on time will not be assessed. e) During each course there shall be at least two occasions for examination during the current semester. At least one occasion for examination shall also be offered during the semester or the year when the course is not offered. A student who has received the grade of Fx or F twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the department's board. A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not take the test again in order to get a higher grade. f) Completion of the grade Fx may be allowed if the student is close to the grade of E. The assignment shall in this case be submitted within one week after the examiner notified the student that there is a complementary need. xxx

Interim

When the course is no longer offered the student has the right to be examined according to this course syllabus once per semester for a period of three semesters.

Limitations

The course may not be credited in an degree together with a nationally or internationally passed course where the content completely or partly overlap with the course.

Required reading

For current course literature see the department's website www.ims.su.se. A current reading list will be available no later than two months before the start of the course.