

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Human Rights in a Global Perspective**  
**Mänskliga rättigheter i en global kontext**

**15.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**15.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	JU702M
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2021
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2020-06-03
<b>Department</b>	Department of Law
<b>Main field:</b>	Public International Law
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1F - Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law on 3 June 2020.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the course requires that the student is admitted to the master's programme in International Law (60 credits) at Stockholm University, and has satisfactorily completed the requirements in the programme's first course Advanced Course in Public International Law.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0100	Human Rights in a Global Perspective	15

## Course content

The course covers important concepts, norms and norm compliance structures in the field of human rights. Several basic concepts are presented in the course, such as substantive rights or the various existing mechanisms for the protection human rights. Human rights are also be discussed from philosophical, historical, critical and practical perspectives. The course pays particular attention to the problem of establishing existing sources of law regarding human rights. The course comprises six different parts (see below).

## Learning outcomes

### Knowledge and Understanding

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge and an understanding of human rights, in particular as regards to existing mechanisms to protect human rights and substantive human rights.

### Skills and Abilities

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to apply and interpret legal norms within the different subject areas of the course,
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and analyze human rights issues, and
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to examine, clearly explain and discuss one's conclusions in English, orally and in writing.

## Judgement and Approach

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to take into account scientific, extra judicial and social factors that contributed to the formation of norms regarding human rights.

## Education

The course starts with an introductory lecture, the aim of which is to provide general orientation within the subject area. Following this introduction, each of the six main topical components of the course is then discussed separately.

Instruction is given primarily in the form of lectures. Problem-oriented seminars are also held. The course is divided into six parts. In the introduction, basic concepts are presented and human rights are placed in a philosophical and historical perspective. The second part deals with the different existing mechanisms for the protection of human rights. In the third part, various substantive rights are discussed. In the fourth part, a broader and more critical perspective is offered, which students are expected to use in their individual essay. In the fifth part, students adopt a more practical perspective and are to offer advice in a fictitious case where individuals seek protection. The course ends with a written examination.

During the course, students will 1) individually conduct a case study, 2) critically analyse a human rights problem in an individual essay and 3) handle a real or fictional case ("mock legal brief"), both in writing and orally.

As part of the LL.M. in International Law, a theoretical and practical seminar is also held. This particular seminar will focus on the study of human rights from legal, external and critical perspectives.

More details about the scope and structure of the course are found in the course description.

The language of instruction is English.

## Forms of examination

The course is examined on the basis of the writing of case study, the written case study and oral presentation of a real or fictitious legal problem, the writing of an essay and through a final written examination.

All examined component count towards the final grade in the course. If a written assignment or home exam is handed in after the given deadline, points will be deducted. The minimum score required on each examined course moment in order to pass the entire course, together with the maximum scores achievable, are stated in the course description. The final grade in the course is based on the total amount of points achieved on each course moment.

To pass the course, all of the course's learning outcomes must be met.  
The language of examination is English.

Students who receive a failing grade on a regular examination will have the opportunity to retake the examination. Students who have received a passing grade on an examination may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. A student who has failed the same examination twice is entitled to have another examiner appointed,

The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: A (Excellent), B (Very Good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) and E (Adequate). Failing grades are Fx (Inadequate) or F (Totally Inadequate).

A student with a certificate of special pedagogical support issued by Stockholm University has the right to alternative/accommodated forms of examination in accordance with the certificate.

## Misc

Completed course requirements are valid for two years. This also applies to students who drop the course during the early course withdrawal period.

The course requirements in effect at the time of the student's first registration on the course may be completed within two years. After two years, the course requirements included in the most recently revised syllabus will apply.

Entry into force

These provisions will apply as of 18 January 2021.

**Required reading**

The course literature will be determined by the head of department. Please refer to the course website and the course description for information about the required reading. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.