



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science

1SK134 Folkrätt och mänskliga rättigheter, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
International law and human rights, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Political Science

### **Subject Group**

Political Science

### **Level of classification**

First Level

### **Progression**

GIN

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2018-12-12  
The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2019

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements. Samhällskunskap A eller Samhällskunskap 1b / 1a1+1a2 eller motsvarande

## Objectives

On successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- Identify the basic principles, norms, institutions and decision making procedures of international law
- Describe how international law is implemented in the international system and discuss the extent of compliance at the state level
- Explain the foundations of legal aspects of human rights
- Identify present and developing systems, laws and norms for the protection and promotion of human rights
- Analyse and compare the different economic, cultural and social rights at international and EU-level

## Content

This course focus on two broad themes. The first part concerns international law and how relations between states are regulated in international agreements and conventions. This also include the role of international organisations, especially the United Nations. Questions that are addressed concern differences between international and national law, how international law is implemented, to what extent do states comply and what is the role of institutions in achieving legal compliance. The course further discusses the nature and sources of international law. The second part further deals with human rights and its legal dimension, and with economic, social, and cultural rights in international law.

Here, and throughout the course, European law plays a prominent role (in a comparative perspective) not least due to the important role of the European convention on human rights in international law and the European Union due to its developed system of multilevel governance. Special emphasis is given to the protection and promotion of human rights in a global perspective and the comparison of different basic rights and principles in international and European law.

### Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures, tutorials, and seminars.

### Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

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Examination consists of seminars and a written home exam.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation will be carried out at the end of the course in accordance with the guidelines of Linnaeus University. The result of the evaluation will be reported back to students and will also be communicated the next time the course is held.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Dixon, Martin (latest edition). *Textbook on International Law*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, (432 p).

Berry, Elspeth; Homewood, Matthew J.; Bogusz, Barbara (latest edition). *Complete EU Law, Text, Cases, and Materials*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, (736 p).

Smith, Rhona K.M. (latest edition). *Textbook on International Human Rights*. Oxford University Press, (446 p).

Additional journal articles and book chapters accessed via the learning platform or the University library, about 100 p.