



LUND UNIVERSITY

Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

Course syllabus for PhD studies

1. Course details		
1.	Course code	<i>HUMR001</i>
2.	Course title	<i>Core Course in Human Rights Studies</i>
3.	Credits	<i>52.5</i>
4.	Details of approval	<i>Approved in accordance with the rules of procedure and delegation at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology 31 January 2014.</i>
5.	Details of revision	

2. General information		
1.	Type of course and its place in the educational system	<i>The course is compulsory in the research studies programme in Human Rights Studies.</i>
2.	Language of instruction	<i>Swedish or English</i>

3. Learning outcomes		
		On completion of the course, the student shall be able to
1.	Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • informed by broad knowledge, account for Human Rights Studies as a multidisciplinary research field • informed by broad knowledge, account for how human rights are regulated and implemented at international, regional and national levels • understand and explain in depth predominant theories within the multidisciplinary research of Human Rights Studies
2.	Competence and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse the relationship between governmental and non-governmental rights agents and their role in international and national politics • conceptually analyse phenomena of relevance to rights • write in different scholarly genres • independently take a position on how human rights feature and are used politically in the writing of history
3.	Judgement and approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independently and critically reflect on the political, legal and ethical role of human rights in history and the present

4.	Course content	
1.	Brief description of the course and its content including details of any sub-divisions	<p>The course addresses and analyses fundamental and key theories of Human Rights Studies. The modern concept of rights is studied against a historical and historiographical background. The regulation and implementation of human rights is addressed in a context of legal theory. In addition, research students select and design thematic modules in consultation with the supervisor that are to be listed in the individual study plan. The aim of the thematic modules is to provide students with both expertise in their respective research areas and a broad knowledge base. At least one module of at least 7.5 credits must deal with a theme that is separate from the one treated in the student's thesis. Training in higher education teaching and learning may be included among the elective modules.</p> <p><i>The course includes the following compulsory modules:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Human Rights as a Research Area: Key Theories and Concepts, 7.5 credits</i> 2. <i>Human Rights as a Legal Phenomenon, 7.5 credits</i>

5.	Teaching and assessment	
1.	Teaching methods employed including details of any compulsory components	<p><i>Teaching on the compulsory modules takes the form of seminars and tutorials on work in progress. The thematic modules will include different forms of teaching. Some may be in the form of independent study courses where teaching will take the form of individual tutorials. Other modules may take the form of amplified independent study course in which several students study the same material and meet for discussions with or without a lecturer. Teaching in the form of lectures and seminars will normally only be provided if several subjects share the same thematic module.</i></p>
2.	Examination details	<p><i>On the compulsory modules the assessment is based on oral and written assignments in different scholarly genres such as reviews, research articles, review articles and popular science. On the elective thematic modules the forms of examination are determined in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the examiner.</i></p>

6.	Grades	
1.	Grades	<i>Students are awarded one of the following grades: Fail or Pass</i>
2.	Grading of the complete course	<i>In order to be awarded the grade of Pass on the course as a whole, the student must have been awarded this grade on</i>

		<i>all modules.</i>
3.	Modules and variations in grading (if applicable)	

7.	Required reading	
1.	Reading list	<i>For reading lists and other relevant educational materials see appendix.</i>

8.	Further information	
1.	<i>The course is offered at the Division of Human Rights Studies at the Department of History, Lund University</i>	
2.	<i>Course title in Swedish: Mänskliga rättigheter: Ämneskurs i mänskliga rättigheter</i>	