

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Human rights in the Middle East, Turkey and East Asia**  
**Mänskliga rättigheter i Mellanöstern, Turkiet och Östasien**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	ABMRAF
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2015
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2014-09-10
<b>Department</b>	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
<b>Main field:</b>	Mellanösterns språk och kulturer
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2014-09-10.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree in Humanities, Social Sciences or Law. English B/English 6.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MRAF	Human rights in the Middle East, Turkey and East Asia	7.5

## Course content

This course provides an introduction to human rights from a broad interdisciplinary perspective. The course starts with a philosophical historical introduction on human rights where some key thinkers and traditions of thought are presented and analyzed. Then the course addresses the emergence of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its historical predecessor, such as the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789) and the American Declaration of Independence (1776). The subsequent development of human rights in the form of new declarations and conventions will also be highlighted. Special focus will be on the current human rights challenges with a special emphasis on Turkey, the Middle East and East Asia and the human rights situation in the Islamic and Confucian traditions of thought.

## Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Show knowledge about Human Rights from an interdisciplinary perspective, including philosophical, historical and legal issues.
- Show knowledge about the emergence of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as its historical predecessor and later conventions and declarations.
- Show knowledge about Human Rights in East Asia, Turkey and the Middle East, their historical development and current challenges, with a special focus on the human rights situation in the Islamic and Confucian traditions of thought.
- Show ability to, in a critical and independent way, do a comparative analysis of Human Rights issues, by using knowledge on a current academic debate within the field.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description.

### **Forms of examination**

- a. The course is examined on the basis of a written assignment.
- b. Grades will be set according to a seven point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:  
A = Excellent  
B = Very good  
C = Good  
D = Satisfactory  
E = Adequate  
Fx = Inadequate  
F = Totally Inadequate
- c. Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts.
- d. In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on the written assignment.
- e. At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given.

Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

- f. This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

### **Interim**

When the syllabus is discontinued, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters.

### **Limitations**

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

### **Required reading**

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at [www.su.se/asia](http://www.su.se/asia). The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.