



Course Syllabus
Human Security and the Responsibility to Protect

Mänsklig säkerhet och R2P

Course Code	2KR024	Main Field of Study	War Studies
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	Department	Department of War Studies and Military History
Education Cycle	Advanced level	Subject	War Studies
Scope	7.5	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1N	Decided by	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Pass with Distinction, Pass, Fail	Decision date	2022-01-01
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

Bachelor of Science Degree in Military Studies or Bachelor's degree worth 180 credits, of which 90 credits are in war studies or another related, relevant subject, such as international relations, peace and conflict studies, security studies, political science, etc. English proficiency equivalent to English B or English 6 is also required.

Course Content and Structure

The course examines two important concepts in the international security landscape – Human Security and Responsibility to Protect (R2P). While human security shifts security focus from the state to the individual, R2P can be described as a norm, based on the notion that state sovereignty is not a privilege, but a responsibility.

Together, these concepts challenge our understanding of security, the state and the rules/norms of the international state system. They are therefore of great interest for both practical and academic reasons. The purpose of the course is not to argue for human security and R2P, but rather create a deeper understanding of these ideas – where they come from, how they have evolved, and how they relate to theories on strategy and international security. Human security and R2P will thus be critically examined from an academic and practical perspective by asking questions about their usefulness for the study of security and strategy, for decision-making at the national and international level, and for strategic and operational planning and implementation.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Discuss the relevance of human security and R2P as tools in operational analysis and planning.

Competence and skills

- Problematised theoretical and historical assumptions about human security and R2P, as well as the legal, organizational and political context in which these concepts are used.
- Independently and critically apply the theoretical perspectives introduced during the course on contemporary and historical cases.

Type of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

Assessment



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Assessment takes place through active participation in the mandatory seminars and written submission in the form of a memorandum.

Examinations submitted late will not be graded unless special circumstances exist and the examiner finds the reason acceptable.

The examiner may decide to allow supplementation in order for a passing grade to be achieved in the course. The supplementation shall be submitted no later than three working days after notification of the examination results and the decision on supplementation, unless special circumstances exist that are acceptable to the examiner.

Grading

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U). Grading criteria are specified by no later than the start of the course.

To earn the grade Pass (G), the student must actively and constructively participate in mandatory seminars and earn a grade of Pass (P) on the written assignment in the form of a memorandum.

To earn the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) in the course, the student must meet the requirements for Pass (G) and earn a grade of Pass with Distinction (VG) on the written assignment in the form of a memorandum.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be part of a degree with another course whose content is wholly or partly in accordance with the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When a course is no longer provided or when the content of a course has been significantly altered, the student retains the right to be examined in accordance with this course syllabus once per semester during a three-semester period.

Miscellaneous

The course is given as an elective course within the Master's Programme in Politics and War, and may also be given as a freestanding course.

From autumn semester 2021, the course is included as an elective course within the Master's Programme in Politics, Security and War.

If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University regarding special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

On completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director and will serve as the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List

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