

Course Description Form

Course Name: Democracy and Human Rights	
Course Code: mu112	
Semester / Year: First Semester / 2025-2026	
Bologna Process / One Course Only – 2025–2026	
1. Description Preparation Date:	
19/11/2025	
Available Attendance Forms: In-person and online via Google Classroom	
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Student attendance	
3. Number of Credit Hours (Total) / Number of Units (Total)	
1 hour per week – 2 units	
4. Course administrator's name (mention all, if more than one name)	
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5. Course Objectives	
1. Introduce students to the concept of democracy and its historical development. 2. Explain the principles and values of human rights in international law. 3. Analyze the relationship between democracy and the protection of human rights. 4. Develop students' ability to discuss contemporary issues related to democracy and rights.	1. Introducing the concept of human rights and their importance in protecting human dignity and fundamental freedoms. 2. Explaining the historical and intellectual development of human rights at both national and international levels. 3. Clarifying the concept of democracy, its basic principles, and its role in organizing authority within the state. 4. Explaining the relationship between human rights and the democratic system in achieving justice, equality, and the rule of law. 5. Developing students' awareness of human rights culture and promoting respect for rights and freedoms in society.
6. Teaching and Learning Strategies	

Strategy	The Explanation Brainstorming Dialogue and discussion Use references and sources Using modern teaching methods Assigning students to research papers
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7. Course Structure

Week	Hours	Required Learning Outcomes	Introduction to Democracy	Learning method	Evaluation method
1st	1	he cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Historical Development of Democracy	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Oral questions
2nd	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Concept and Characteristics of Democracy	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Discussion
3rd	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Principles of Democratic Governance	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Daily and periodic tests
4th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Concept of Human Rights	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Oral questions
5th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Historical Evolution of Human Rights	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Discussion
6th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Sources of Human Rights in International Law	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Daily and periodic tests
7th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Oral questions
8th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	International Human Rights Covenants	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Discussion
9th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Relationship between Democracy and Human Rights	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Daily and periodic tests
10th	1	The cognitive, skill, and	Protection of Human Rights at the National Level	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Oral questions

		emotional domains			
11th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Regional Human Rights Systems	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Discussion
12th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Contemporary Challenges to Democracy	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Daily and periodic tests
13th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Human Rights and Rule of Law	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Oral questions
14th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Final Review and Exam	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Discussion
15th	1	The cognitive, skill, and emotional domains	Exam	Lectures, discussions, and practical case studies	Exam
Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction – Andrew Clapham					
Jack Donnelly, Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice.					
Journal of Human Rights, UN Reports, academic articles.					
www.un.org www.ohchr.org www.hrw.org					
Main references (sources)					
Recommended books and references (scientific journals, reports...)					
Electronic References, Websites					