



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Social Work

1JU600 Introduktion till rättssystemet samt socialrätt, 15
högskolepoäng

Introduction to the Legal System and Social Law, 15 credits

Subject Group

Law and Legal Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

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Course syllabus.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2013

Prerequisites

General entry requirements and Mathematics A and Civics A.

Objectives

On completion of the course students should:

- Be able to understand the main features of the Swedish Legal System and its democratic roots as well as be able to identify and define legal problems within civil law and in different types of welfare societies.
- Understand and be able to apply legal methods to legal problems.
- Be able to account for and discuss different solutions and conclusions, both verbally and in writing
- Understand application of the law and analyse ethical issues as well as questions concerning human rights
- Demonstrate a critical attitude towards the formation of legal norms

Content

The course contains the following elements:

- The Legal System's structure and democratic roots
- Sources of law and legal methods
- Physical persons legal status including rules for legal guardians and administrators
- Gender, ethnicity and social marginalisation in law
- Sweden's relationship with international sources of law
- The judicial system in Sweden

- Fundamental principles within civil and criminal procedures
- Orientation of the contractual ground rules, consumers' legal status, tenancy as well as principles of labour law
- The aim and democratic legitimation of criminal law
- The ground rules of domestic law with focus on cohabitation law as well as the relationship between parents and children
- Features of social law legislation such as framework and rights structures
- Social services' general goals, responsibility and tasks
- Social services' obligations in relations to domestic law matters
- Social services' special responsibilities for people with different forms of disability, elderly people, people with addiction problems, children, youth and families as well as crime victims
- Tasks of the County Council and Municipality concerning health care

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures and seminars. Students will work with seeking legal source material as well as analyse and work with authentic legal cases.

Obligatory attendance is expected throughout the entire course, or parts of it, and this is specified in the study guidelines.

Teaching is carried out in Swedish.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through an individual written examination in which the questions have the character of an essay or problem solving and/or hand-in written assignments, which are assessed verbally or in writing.

A resit examination is offered within six weeks (with in regular semester hours) and the number of examination opportunities is limited to five (higher Education Ordinance 6 chap. 21 §).

In order to receive a grade of Pass for the entire course, students must fulfil the expected learning outcomes.

The criteria for receiving Pass with distinction on the entire course are specified in the course's study guide.

Course Evaluation

At the end of every course, a written evaluation is carried out in accordance with the institution's web-based course evaluation template. The course evaluations are compiled and fed back to the students as well as archived according to the rules and regulations of the institution.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Ewerlöf, G., Svern, T. & Singer, A. (2004). *Barnets bästa : om föräldrars och samhällets ansvar*. Stockholm: Norstedt juridik, (circa 260 p).

FN:s barnkonvention

FN:s kvinnokonvention

Lagbok (any publisher). (Latest edition).

Lehrberg, B. (Latest edition). *Praktisk Juridisk metod*. Uppsala: Institutet för Bank- och Affärsjuridik, (circa 250 p).

Lundberg, K., Schuldt, J. & Rother-Schirren, et al (2011) *Juridik civilrätt, straffrätt, processrätt*. Stockholm: Bonniers, (580 p).

Norström C. & Thunved A. (Latest edition). *Nya Sociallagarna*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridi, (circa 800 p).

Also included are legal cases comprising of circa 50 pages.