



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PX13U Allmän straffrätt, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Criminal law, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Police Work

Subject Group

Law and Legal Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2016-06-01

Revised 2019-04-26 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of the course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2019

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- identify and define criminal issues and account for the central parts of the penal code
- identify the boundary between civil law and criminal law, as well as explain the interaction between these
- on the basis of the penal code, classify criminal actions and apply the penalty system of the penal code
- search, interpret, analyse and present, orally as well as in writing, information required to solve criminal issues.

Content

The course discusses criminal law on the basis of the provisions stated in the penal code and contains lectures and seminars on the general part of the criminal law, i.e. the common regulations of the criminal law concerning for instance intent, negligence, grounds for discharge, and accessory forms of criminal behaviour, as well as the special part of the criminal law, or in other words, the regulations concerning different forms of crimes (descriptions of crimes listed in the penal code). The penalty system of the criminal law is also discussed, as well as the impact of civil law on and its interaction with criminal law.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is mainly conducted by the use of problem-based methodology. Knowledge acquisition in the elements takes place through base group work, seminars, lectures and literature studies. Students are expected to take an active part in discussion at lectures and seminars. The working methods and the examination formats give the students the opportunity to practice their ability to express themselves in an objective manner and to adopt a critical approach, orally as well as in writing.

Examination

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

Examination of the course takes place through a written assignment, oral group presentation and written examination. In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained and all the examination formats must be assessed as Pass.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction, it is required that the written assignment and the oral group presentation are assessed as Pass, and the written examination must be assessed as Pass with Distinction. The written examination is assessed as Pass with Distinction if the student obtains credits that reflect a well outlined and analytical reasoning on correct solutions of criminal issues on the basis of all the forms of procedural requirements given in the sections of the penal code discussed.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis are presented to the students who have completed the course, as well as to the students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously. The results are reported to the programme council and filed by the Institute of Police Education.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Asp, Petter & Ulväng, Magnus. (Latest edition). *Straffrätt en kortfattad översikt*. Uppsala: Iustus, (ca. 112 p.)

Leijonhufvud, Madeleine., Träskman, Per Ole., Wennberg, Suzanne. (2017). *Brottsbalken: en kommentar. Del 1, (1-12 kap.) - brotten mot person och förmögenhetsbrotten m.m.* Wolters Kluwer, (832 p.) ISBN: 9789139208402 (Internet version published on zeteo.wolterskluwer.se – additional information about the parts relevant to the course is given in the study guide)

Johansson, Stefan, Leijonhufvud, Madeleine, Trost, Hedvig, Träskman, Per Ole, Wennberg, Suzanne. (2017). *Brottsbalken: en kommentar. Del II, (13-24 kap.) - brotten mot allmänheten och staten m.m.* Wolters Kluwer, (858 s). ISBN: 9789139208419 (Internet version published on zeteo.wolterskluwer.se – additional information about the parts relevant to the course is given in the study guide)

Brottsbalken. *Okommenterad lagtext*. Ca. 50 p.

Articles, preparations, court cases and reports are also included as per instructions given, approximately 100 pages.