



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1PX13U Allmän straffrätt, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1PX13U 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 2022-03-04 by Faculty of Social Sciences. Revision of the course literature.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2022

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for university studies.

## Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- identify and define criminal issues and account for the core 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 and takes place through group work, seminars and lectures. 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 one written assignment, one oral group presentation and one 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 in the entire course, it is required that the written examination is as Pass with Distinction. The written examination is assessed as Pass with Distinction if the student obtains points 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.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

### Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

### Required Reading and Additional Study Material

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

Dahlström, Mats, Strand, Anette & Westerlund, Gösta. (Latest edition). *Brott och påföljder – en lärobok i straffrätt om Brottsbalken*. Stockholm: Bruun Juridik AB, (ca. 639 p.)

Brottsbalken. *Okommenterad lagtext*. Ca. 50 p. Available on the Internet.