



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Law

1RV300 Rättens roll i samhället, 15 högskolepoäng
Law and society, 15 credits

Main field of study

Legal Science

Subject

Law and Legal Studies

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2023-12-22.

Revised 2025-03-05. Clarification of objectives and revision of the reading list.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- account for the foundation of the Swedish legal system,
- describe the law as a social institution and the code of standards of the law,
- introduce the role of human rights as a foundation for legal systems, nationally as well as internationally,

- discuss the role and importance of the law as a political and economic instrument,
- discuss and state their position on the structure and rationality of different legal documents,
- reflect on various professional legal roles,
- demonstrate an insight into legal issues concerning cooperation and sustainability in society,
- demonstrate the ability to identify their need for further knowledge

Content

The course discusses fundamental knowledge of law and its role in modern society. Legal institutions and legal systems at the national as well as at the EU level are presented and generally discussed.

The standardised features of legal knowledge are highlighted and discussed. A key part of the course is the emphasis placed on the various professional roles of lawyers and other legal practitioners, and the discussion about the associated responsibility for legal certainty.

The course perspective is interdisciplinary and various aspects of the importance of law to a sustainable and democratic development of society are discussed, for instance by highlighting the law as an instrument and the importance of human rights as well as the respect for the rule of law.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures and seminars.

Examination

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

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of seminars and two written individual exams.

The seminars are graded Fail or Pass.

The written examinations are graded Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained. For a grade of Pass with Distinction, it is required that the student receives the grade Pass with Distinction for both written examinations.

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.

In the event a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its

conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 4SK105, 1SK156, and 1SK163 by 2.5 credits each.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Baier, Matthias, Svensson, Måns, Nafstad, Ida (latest edition). *Om rättssociologi*. Lund: Studentlitteratur, (ca. 100 p.).

Bernitz, Ulf, Kjellgren, Anders, Bernitz, Hedvig (latest edition). *Introduktion till EU*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik, (ca. 160 p.).

Cameron, Iain, (latest edition). *An Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights*. Uppsala: Iustus, (ca. 260 p.).

Schütze, Robert (latest edition). *An Introduction to European Law*, Oxford: OUP (ca. 360 p.).

Warnling Conradson, Wiweka, Bernitz, Hedvig, Sandström, Lena & Åhman, Karin (latest edition). *Statsrättens grunder*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik, (ca. 320 p.).

Zetterström, Stefan (latest edition) *Juridiken och dess arbetssätt*. Stockholm: Iustus förlag, (ca. 190 p.).

Legal codes and cases are also included.