



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Social Work

1SA620 Juridik i socialt arbete: Introduktion till rättssystemet samt socialrätt, 15 högskolepoäng

Legal Aspects in Social Work: Introduction to the Legal System and Social Law, 15 credits

Main field of study

Social Work

Subject

Social Work and Social Welfare

Level

First cycle

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2024-09-30.

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2025.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements + Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2, Mathematics 2a / 2b / 2c. Or: Civics A, Mathematics B.

Objectives

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

- distinguish between legal systems and other normative systems, and account for the main features of the Swedish legal system and doctrine of the sources of law,
- identify legal issues relevant to the field of social work,
- apply legal methods to resolve relevant legal issues,
- conduct legal argumentation for and against various legal solutions, orally as

- well as in writing and relevant to the professional practice of social work,
- adopt an approach of the sociology of law and a perspective of diversity to legal issues of relevance to the field of social work.

Content

The course delves into legal norms significant to the field of social work in the future professional practice as a social worker. Major emphasis is placed on the application of legal methods as an instrument for the work. The course comprises the legislation relevant to social work, as well as intentions and aims within the different fields of law.

Within the scope of the course, the structure and democratic support of the legal system in relation to social work are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the application of relevant sources of law, legal methods and aspects of sociology of law. The legal position of natural persons including regulations concerning legal representatives and trustees are also looked into in the course.

Sweden's relation to EU law is also included, as well as conventions on human rights and fundamental legal knowledge of civil, criminal and procedural law.

The course also looks into the distinctive features of the legislation of social law, such as framework law and constructions of rights. Focus is also placed on the specific responsibility of the social services for individuals with different kinds of disabilities, elderly individuals, individuals with some form of addiction, children, youth and families, victims of crime, and basic health care rights, and the application of social law.

The students also study legal sources and conduct analyses of authentic cases. Teaching mainly takes place in the form of application of legal methods in relation to social legislative case descriptions.

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 takes place by means of two written exams each comprising 6 credits, and active participation at the seminars, each comprising 1.5 credits. The written examinations are assessed by the grades Fail, Pass, or Pass with Distinction, and the seminars are assessed by the grades Fail or Pass.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives shall be attained.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the seminars are assessed as Pass and both the written examinations require the grade Pass with Distinction.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that 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:
1JU600, equivalent to 15 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Hollander, Anna & Alexius Borgström, Katarina (Eds.) (latest edition). *Juridik och rättsvetenskap i socialt arbete*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (Selected parts, ca. 216 p.).

Lundberg, Konrad et al. (latest edition). *Juridik: civilrätt, straffrätt, processrätt*. Stockholm: Sanoma utbildning (580 p.).

Lundgren Lars et al. (latest edition). *Nya sociallagarna*. Stockholm: Nordsteds Juridik (710 p.).

Staaf, Annika, Wendel, Lotta & Zanderin, Lars (latest edition). *Hälso- och sjukvårdsrätt en introduktion för professionsutbildningar*. Malmö: Liber (144 p.).

Conventions on human rights.

Statute book (optional publisher), latest edition.

Cases, publications and other course material are also included, comprising approximately 200 pages.