



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

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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 the student should be able to:

- differentiate the legal system from other normative systems, as well as be able to present the fundamental features of the Swedish legal system and legal doctrines,
- identify legal issues relevant to social work,
- apply legal methods to solve relevant legal problems,

- conduct legal reasoning for and against different legal solutions both orally and in writing, of relevance to the professional practice in social work
- apply a perspective of sociology of law and diversity in relation to legal matters of relevance to social work.

Content

The course discusses legal norms of importance to social work in the future professional role as a social worker. Major emphasis is placed on the application of a legal method as an instrument of practice. The course comprises legislation of relevance to social work, as well as intentions and objectives within the different areas of law.

Within the scope of the course, the structure and democratic support of the legal system is discussed in relation to social work. Special emphasis is placed on the application of relevant legal sources, legal methods and aspects of the sociology of law. The legal status of natural persons including regulations on court-appointed guardians and trustees is also discussed in the course.

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

The course discusses the distinctive features of the legislation within social law, such as the construction of frameworks and rights. The course also focuses on the social service's specific responsibility for individuals with various forms of disabilities, the elderly, people with some form of addiction, children, young people and families, victims of crimes, as well as basic health care rights and the application of social law and legislation.

The students work during the course with legal sources and analyses of authentic cases. Teaching mainly takes place in the form of applying legal methods to social law case reports.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists 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 examinations each comprising 6 credits, and active participation in the seminars each comprising 1.5 credits. The written exam is assessed by the grades Fail, Pass or Pass with Distinction (U-VG) and the seminars are assessed by Fail or Pass (U-G).

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

For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the student receives the grade of Pass for the seminars and the grade of Pass with Distinction for both the 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 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

Montoya, Therése Fridström (latest edition) *Juridik för socialt arbete*. Malmö: Gleerups Utbildning AB (288 p.).

Grauers, Per Henning (latest edition). *Person och avtal*, Malmö: Liber (188 p.).

Rejmer, Annika, Zetterström, Stefan, Scheutz, Sverker & Montoya, Therése Fridström (latest edition). *Juridisk metodbok: för socialarbetare och andra offentliganställda*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik (185 p.).

Schiratzki, Johanna (latest edition) *Relationsrätt: barn och föräldrar* Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik (124 p.).

Schiratzki, Johanna (latest edition) *Relationsrätt: I nöd och lust*, Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik (135 p.).

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

Zetterström, Stefan & Lind, Anna-Sara (latest edition) *Offentlig rätt*. Malmö: Liber (376 p.).

Statute book (free choice of publisher), latest edition.

Additional legal cases, articles and other course material will be used, approximately 200 pages.