



## Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Social Work

1SA630 Juridik i socialt arbete: förvaltningsrätt och utredningsmetodik, 15 högskolepoäng

Legal aspects in social work: administrative law and investigative methodology, 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:

- identify and define legal issues that may arise in different areas of welfare,
- resolve legal issues relevant to social work,
- apply relevant legislation in accordance with the rules of law,
- justify their application of law with support from sources of law, orally and in writing,

- apply relevant legislation and independently argue for, evaluate and take a stand in legal issues of importance to social work,
- apply an ethical approach and have knowledge of issues related to human rights
- apply a critical approach in relation to the establishment of norms within law.

## Content

The course discusses for instance legal norms central to the future professional practice of social workers. The students shall learn about application and handling of legal issues, and the methodology relevant to the field of social work.

The course looks into principles and main concepts of the constitutional laws and the administrative law such as legality, objectivity, publicity, rule of law, exercise of public authority, and basic freedom and rights. The course also includes an orientation into rules of administrative procedure related to social work.

Furthermore, emphasis is placed on local government regulations, concerning special competence, delegation and appeals. Application of professional secrecy of relevance to the field of social work, and administrative and social law provisions for processing of cases within the field of social work.

Furthermore, the course also includes legal challenges in relation to the digitalisation within the field of social work, the mission of society in terms of migrant individuals, and an introduction to the social security system. Investigative procedures, methods of presentation of cases and administrative ethics related to the following areas within social work are also included: financial assistance, care of the elderly, child welfare, misuse/addiction and the Act concerning Support and Service for Persons with Certain Functional Impairments/LSS.

A case analysis is carried out during the course as well as an investigation, which are to be presented to a fictitious panel of lay judges.

## Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures, seminars and field studies.

## 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 one written examination (U-VG) including associated seminars (U-G). Two written assignments are also included, of which one shall also be presented orally at a seminar (U-G).

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 written examination is assessed as 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:  
1JU605 equivalent to 15 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Björkman, Ulla & Lundin, Olle (latest edition). *Kommunen och lagen*. Uppsala: Iustus förlag, (111 p.).

Clevesköld, Lars & Thunved, Anders (latest edition). *Sekretess: handbok för socialtjänsten*. Stockholm: Nordstedts Juridik (116 p.).

Ryberg-Welander, Lotti (latest edition). *Socialförsäkringsrätt: om ersättning vid sjukdom*. Stockholm: Norstedts juridik (273 p.).

Seidlitz, Madeleine (latest edition). *Asylrätt: En praktisk introduktion*. Norstedts Juridik (174 p.).

Socialstyrelsen (latest edition). *Handläggning och dokumentation inom socialtjänsten*. Stockholm: Socialstyrelsen (488 p.). Available on the Internet.

StAAF, Annika & Zanderin, Lars (latest edition). *Förvaltningsrätt. En introduktion för professionsutbildningar*. Malmö: Liber, (128 p.).

Articles related to topics such as migration law, administrative ethics and other areas that are not covered in the list of literature and course materials, (approx. 100 pages).

Statute book, (optional publisher) latest edition.

Literature or articles about investigation techniques, to be chosen in consultation with the course coordinator, (approx. 200 pages).