



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Political Science

1SK159 Introduktion till internationell rätt om hållbar utveckling, 7,5 högskolepoäng

International Law of Sustainable Development - an Introduction, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science, Legal Science

Subject Group

Law and Legal Studies

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2014-10-01

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2015

Prerequisites

NO VALUE DEFINED

Objectives

After the completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- show solid understanding of the basics of the key dimensions of international law of sustainable development.
- explore the existing and emerging legal principles and norms concerning sustainable development at international, regional, national and local levels.
- understand the concept of sustainable development by emphasizing basically three main areas (economics, environment and human rights) and relate them to relevant basic legal rules, and;
- show the ability to understand the basic legal principles of trade and commercial, environmental and human rights laws and further to apply and to advance these legal norms, principles and practices of sustainable development in the private and public sectors.

Content

The main themes of this course will include basic legal norms of environmental law, trade and commercial law and human rights law (at international, regional, and national levels). These themes will deal with different sustainable development areas, such as land, air pollution, water, industry, energy resources, governance and institutions, trade and finance, population and knowledge and education about sustainable development.

Type of Instruction

Lectures, seminars, discussions and simulations. All stated activities are mandatory.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

This course is assessed by active participation in class, seminar discussions and finally writing a seminar paper and oral presentation of it.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail (i.e. received the grade F). Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is allowed to complement her/his examination.

Students who have not passed (i.e. received the grade of F) at the regular examination will be offered a new examination shortly after the regular examination.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course an oral and written course evaluation is carried out. The result will be communicated to the students and responsible authorities concerned. It will be filed at responsible department.

Credit 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:1SK151

Other

Grade criteria for the A–F scale are communicated to the student through a special document. The student is to be informed about the grade criteria for the course by the start of the course at the latest.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Ashfaq Khalfan(2004). *Sustainable Development Law: Principles, Practices and Prospects*. Oxford University Press, 419 p ISBN 0-19-9276714

Study material: Articles, Reports, International Conventions and Cases, 500 p.