



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Social Sciences

1SK193 International and European Law, 7,5 högskolepoäng
International and European Law, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Political Science

Subject Group

Political Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-07-17

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2010

Prerequisites

The course is open to students admitted to the European Studies Programme and to eligible international students.

Expected learning outcomes

After the completion of the course, the students are expected to:

- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for fundamental principles of international law with particular focus on European laws;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for European law in the judicial areas of market economy, environment and human rights;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for EC law and the judicial relation between nation-state law and EC law;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for the historical developments of European law and EC law in European politics.

Content

International and European (EU/EC) Law focuses on the fundamental principles of international law, and the legal aspects regarding international organisations and with particular interest in European laws. The aim of the course is to give students an introduction to international law and the functions of European law in the areas of human rights, market economy and the environment. The course explores European Community (EC) law as it has developed since the early 1950s up until the most recent treaty and the discussion on a Constitution for Europe. It deals with the basic general principles of EC law, the scope of Community powers and their application in the national legal systems of the member-states, the EU's legal acts and the functioning and

the powers of the European Court of Justice, the 'four freedoms' of the Single Market, environmental law, and European Human Rights law. The course brings up fundamental questions about the process of European legal and institutional integration.

The course is given within the European Studies Programme (180 SHEC / 180 ECTS). It is also given as a separate course for international students at Växjö University.

Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures, seminars and/or other assignments. The course is taught in English. At some moments of the course, attendance may be required.

Examination

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

Each module is assessed by a written and/or oral exam, which may be accompanied by a seminar session.

The grades are transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx. In order to obtain the course grade of Pass with Distinction, this highest grade is needed for at least 15 out of 30 SHEC of the modules.

Course Evaluation

A written evaluation is completed after the course, and it will be archived at the School of Social Sciences. The result and possible changes will be communicated to the students next time the course will be given.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Fairhurst, John, Law of the European Union, United Kingdom, Pearson higher education, 2007, 69 pages

EHV, Study material in the form of articles, treaties and conventions, and cases