



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

2KR250 Juridik och rättssociologi för kriminologer, 15 högskolepoäng

2KR250 Law and Sociology of Law for Criminologists, 15 credits

Main field of study

Criminology, Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2022-11-14

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

At least 60 credits in social sciences or behavioural science, of which at least 30 credits in criminology.

Objectives

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

- account for the relation between crime, law and society,
- describe the construction, content and organisation of law with special emphasis on criminal law,
- account for the history and fundamental principles of the sociology of law,
- describe and apply legal method as well as method of sociology of law,
- define issues within criminology in relation to norms, legislation and case law,
- reason about the section of law that deals with crime and sentencing,
- analyse the law on the basis of fundamental principles of sociology of law,
- identify and define issues within criminology, law and sociology of law and describe the differences between these.

Content

One of the fundamental conditions of the focus on issues within criminology regarding

crime and punishment is that there is a legislation in force that defines crime and inflicts a penalty, and a societal context in which the legislation is applied. The course discusses the point of intersection between law and society, particularly focusing on the social role of criminal law. The students' knowledge of the role of law is deepened by the application of the legal method. Fundamental principles and methods of sociology of law are also introduced as an enhanced and supplementary approach to issues within the field of criminology.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures and workshops.

Examination

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

Examination of the course takes place in the form of one individual take-home exam in legal method (5 credits), one individual take-home exam in theory and method of sociology of law (5 credits) and one group assignment in the form of a paper (5 credits).

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, all three examinations require the grade of Pass. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, at least two of the examinations require the grade of Pass with Distinction.

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.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Baier, Matthias, Nafstad Ida & Svensson, Måns. (2018). *Om rättssociologi*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. (103 p.) ISBN: 9789144116167.

Henry, Stuart & Howard, Lindsay M. (2019). *Social deviance*. Second edition, Cambridge, UK: Polity Press. (208 p.) ISBN: 9781509523511.

Hydén, Håkan & Hydén, Therese. (2019). *Rättsregler: En introduktion till juridiken*. Lund: Studentlitteratur (188 p.) ISBN: 9789144131061.

Jareborg, Nils & Zila, Josef. (Latest edition). *Straffrättens påföljdslära*. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik. (200 p.) ISBN: 9789139026860.

Schoultz, Isabel & Nafstad, Ida. (2020) *Om rättssociologisk tillämpning*. Lund: Studentlitteratur (331 p.) ISBN: 9789144132181.

Zetterström, Stefan. (Latest edition). *Juridiken och dess arbetssätt: En introduktion*. Uppsala: Iustus. (176 p.) ISBN: 9789177371892.

Ågren, Jack, Leijonhufvud, Madeleine & Åberg, Susanne. (Latest edition).
Straffansvar. Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik. (209 p.) ISBN: 9789139208457.

Statutory text and downloadable articles may be included (approximately 100 pages).