



Programme syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Rättsvetarprogrammet, 180 högskolepoäng
Legal Science Programme, 180 credits

Level

First cycle

Date of Ratification

Approved 2023-12-14.

The programme syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2024.

Prerequisites

General entry requirements + History 1b alt History 1a1+1a2 and Civics 1b alt. Civics 1a1 +1a2.

Description of Programme

The Legal Science Programme is aimed at providing general and fundamental legal knowledge and skills required for work within various areas in society, but also a foundation for further professional development within the field. Special emphasis is placed on knowledge of legal methods in a variety of legal institutions. The study programme aims at developing the students' theoretical knowledge and analytical skills in order for them to gain an understanding of legal issues and the application of legal rules. The programme has been developed for people who would like to work with the legal aspects in relation to practice based issues.

Objectives

Qualitative Targets in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance

Knowledge and Understanding

For a Degree of Bachelor of Science, the student shall

– demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main field of study, including knowledge of the disciplinary foundation of the field, knowledge of applicable methods, advanced knowledge of specific issues within some part of the field, and

general knowledge of current research issues.

Competence and Skills

For a Degree of Bachelor of Science, the student shall

- demonstrate the ability to search out, compile, evaluate and critically interpret relevant information in their approach to a problem as well as critically discuss phenomena, issues and situations,
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify, define and solve problems as well as carry out assignments within a given time frame ,
- both verbally and in writing, demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in dialogue with various groups,
- demonstrate the proficiency required to independently work within the main field of study.

Judgement and Approach

For a Degree of Bachelor of Science, the student shall

- within the main field of study, demonstrate the ability to make assessments with regard to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects,
- demonstrate insight into the role of knowledge in society as well as an understanding of the responsibility of the individual for how it is used,
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and to develop the individual competence.

Content

Organisation

The programme is organised by the Department of Law, at the Faculty of Social Sciences, and has an appointed programme coordinator who is responsible for the overall content, development, and quality management of the programme. The programme coordinator coordinates program related issues, works actively to have good relations and communication with teachers and students through programme councils, and with the working life and other relevant interested parties.

Programme Overview

The programme consists of six semesters comprising a total of 180 credits. The programme includes a basic study block with first-cycle courses comprising 150 credits, including a degree project comprising 15 credits. The student shall also broaden their knowledge by studying 30 credits outside of the main field of study. The programme is a first-cycle study programme and is given on full-time on campus. The language of instruction is Swedish, but courses may also be given in English.

Programme Courses

* = Courses in the main field of study

Semester 1

*Law and Society, 15 credits, G1N**

In this course, the role and significance of law in a democratic state governed by law are presented. The prescriptive functions of law are highlighted and discussed. Different ways of organising a state governed by law are addressed, primarily in a European perspective, and how the parliamentary process can be applied to establish sustainable legislation.

*Legal Method and Argumentation I, 15 credits, G1N**

This course introduces the fundamentals of the legal method. The course is clearly practice oriented and involves a kind of practical exercises where the students learn how to conduct searches, mainly in national sources of law. A brief introduction to the legal sources within EU law is also included.

Semester 2

*Administrative Law I, 15 credits, G1F**

The aim of the course is for students to gain knowledge of the position of administrative law in the legal system, and the principles governing public administration. Considerations in relation to EU law relevant to the subject are also introduced. The competence and organisation of local government, and the control and supervision of the local government activities are also included, as well as access to public documents and the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act. A general summary of special administrative law is given.

*Civil Law I, 15 credits, G1F**

The course provides general knowledge of the function of and systematic approach to the rule of law, knowledge of the various means of society applied to control the relations between individuals, companies and authorities. It provides knowledge of the place of a company in the legal system, as well as knowledge of legal rules of special importance to economic activity.

Semester 3

*Criminal Law, 15 credits, G1F**

The course comprises Swedish criminal law and discusses the theories, concepts, principles, regulations and systematic approach of the field. The significance of criminal law to society as well as to the individual is studied and problematised based on issues that for instance concern how criminal law can be justified as well as principles for criminalisation.

*Procedural Law, 15 credits, G1F**

The field of procedural law addresses the forms of administration of justice at the courts. The emphasis is placed on main procedural institutes and basic concepts, general procedural principles and the fundamental purposes governing their definition and application. The course comprises general procedural principles and civil and

criminal procedure. The special procedure is generally looked into.

Semester 4

*Civil Law II, 15 credits, G2F**

The course comprises a broadening and on some aspects a specialisation of the knowledge acquired in the course Civil Law I. By solving practical issues and studying the application of the law at the courts, the students shall also acquire basic skills in legal problem solving and argumentation within the legal concepts of civil law.

*Administrative Law II, 15 credits, G2F**

The course comprises specialised knowledge of the importance of administrative law to public activities. The administrative procedure and its application and specialised knowledge of the importance of EU law as well as regulations on procurement are discussed. The main focus of the course is the regulation of special administrative law.

Semester 5

Optional courses, 30 credits

At least 30 credits shall be studied within another main field of study than legal science, in accordance with the local system of qualifications. The courses can be studied at a higher education institution in Sweden and/or abroad. It is also possible to carry out internship, which the student themselves then must arrange.

Semester 6

*Theory of Law and Philosophy of Law, 7.5 credits, G2F**

The aim of the course is to provide advanced knowledge of legal methods and discuss jurisprudence as a subject in a philosophical, historical and scientific perspective. Special emphasis is placed on the theory of law in terms of more recent critical orientations and traditions in law.

*Legal Method and Argumentation II, 7.5 credits, G2F**

In this course, the knowledge acquired in the first semester are enhanced with a clear orientation towards method, which prepares the student for the coming work on writing an independent project in legal science. The course provides knowledge of legal methods in relation to social scientific perspectives and an insight into quantitative and qualitative methods.

*Legal Science, Degree Project, 15 credits, G2E**

The aim of the course is for students to under supervision define a research issue in law, design and carry out a scientific study, write and defend the study with the emphasis on legal theories and methods. The work shall also discuss other fields of knowledge in a constructive and creative manner.

Societal Relevance

Law and jurisprudence are becoming an increasingly significant arena within national as well as international relations. Knowledge provided and shared in study programmes

and courses in law is an important and relevant competence in the working life. The students acquire the skills required to in a critical approach compile, systemise, analyse and communicate legal issues in a variety of different contexts. The students are also regularly given information about future career paths and opportunities for professional contacts.

Internationalisation

The programme provides the opportunity to study law in a multicultural society and a globalised world. Various international perspectives in relation to legal issues are considered in the different programme courses and the course literature. Issues concerning globalisation, migration, diversity and discrimination are also addressed. Studies abroad may be carried out and shall in such a case be planned in consultation with the programme coordinator and other officials responsible. Courses may be exchanged for studies at a higher education institution abroad, provided that they are equivalent to the programme courses given in this programme syllabus.

Sustainable Development

The programme addresses and discusses legal theories and methods, by which the student shall learn how to analyse social phenomena relevant to an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable development – including issues on resources, allocation of resources, and inequality. The entire programme rests on national, international and ethical principles of fundamental freedoms and rights, human rights and claim of justice as a foundation for the development of a socially and economically sustainable society. Equal rights and opportunities are actively aimed at within the programme, in order to promote equality and equal opportunities as a part of practical and long-term sustainability.

Quality Development

Student influence is ensured through student representatives participating in the programme council connected to the Legal Science Programme. Student influence is also ensured through regular course evaluations conducted throughout the programme, where the results of which are discussed in various faculty staff meetings for analysis and course development. The results of the course evaluations are also provided to the students immediately after the completion of a course as well as in connection with the next time the course is given.

Degree

After completed studies in accordance with the objectives specified by the Higher Education Ordinance System of Qualifications and the Linnaeus University Local System of Qualifications, the student may apply for a degree. Those having completed the Legal Science Programme, 180 credits, may obtain the following degree:

Degree of Bachelor of Science, 180 credits

Main field of study: Legal Science.

The degree certificate is written in Swedish and English. The degree certificate also comes with a Diploma Supplement (in English).

Other Information

Any additional costs that may arise in connection with studies abroad are paid for by

the students themselves.