



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

School of Economics and Management

## **HARN62, Intellectual Property and Sustainability, 15 credits**

*Immaterialrätt och hållbarhet, 15 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Law on 2019-11-13 and was last revised on 2019-11-13. The revised syllabus applies from 2020-08-30, autumn semester 2020.

### **General Information**

The course Intellectual Property and Sustainability is an advanced course which focuses inter alia on the contribution of intellectual property rights to the implementation of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.

The course is an optional course for the students achieving a Master of European and International Trade Law. It may also be studied as a single subject course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

European and International Trade Law

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

The students will be trained as reflective practitioners in taking an active part in developing a sustainable society building on innovative thinking. This course will particularly enable the students to adopt informed and sustainable decisions regarding the legal aspects of intellectual property rights and be able to convert regulatory constraints into opportunities. It aims at providing students with knowledge in European and international intellectual property law and the relation between intellectual property rights and sustainable development.

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the fields of European and international intellectual property law and sustainability;
- demonstrate knowledge of the meaning of sustainability in European and international intellectual property law and how conflicting aims of sustainability and intellectual property can be balanced; and
- demonstrate methodological knowledge in European and international intellectual property law.

### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate an ability to apply the law in the field of European and international intellectual property law;
- demonstrate an ability to independently identify and analyse problems related to European and international intellectual property law and sustainability; and
- demonstrate an ability to work individually as well as in groups with students from different cultures in order to solve practical problems.

### **Judgement and approach**

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the fields of intellectual property law and sustainability, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects; and
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

### **Course content**

The course focuses on how intellectual property protection and sustainability can be combined. International trade evolves rapidly and becomes increasingly complex, not the least as regards intellectual property rights. In this course a range of issues relating to intellectual property rights role in social and economic development are addressed, in particular, intellectual property rights contribution to the implementation of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.

### **Course design**

Teaching is structured in lectures and seminars, where students' participation is compulsory.

### **Assessment**

The course requires active participation from the students during lectures, seminars and group works. It also requires individual preparation (self-study). Examination is based on individual as well as group performance. The exam is an individual written exam. Group performances and other individual performances are

case solving activities and can include written short assignment/s and/or oral presentation/s.

In order to pass, students are required to meet the 80% active attendance requirement in the lectures and in the seminars.

The number of occasions that a student can try to complete the examination for the approved result on the course is limited to five occasions.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

At the School of Economics and Management grades are awarded in accordance with a criterion-based grading scale A-U. Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass the course.

A (Excellent) A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail) The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The University will take disciplinary actions against any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other improper practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specific period of time.

## Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree in Law or an undergraduate degree in Economics or Business Administration (BSc, LL.B. or equivalent), including 15 ECTS credits in Law or equivalent knowledge.

A good command of English language, both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6 (advanced level) in the Swedish secondary system.

In addition, students achieving a Master in European and international trade law must have passed the examinations of the first semester of the Master's Programme in European and International Trade and Tax Law (Track 1) equivalent to 30 credits.

## Subcourses in HARN62, Intellectual Property and Sustainability

Applies from H20

- 2001 Exam, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2002 Seminars, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass