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School of Economics and Management

HARN63, Master Thesis in European and International Trade Law, 15 credits

*Magisteruppsats i europeisk och internationell handelsrätt, 15
högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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 2022-06-08. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-08-29, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

The course Master Thesis in European and International Trade Law is a compulsory course for achieving a Master of European and International Trade Law.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European and International Trade Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

Learning outcomes

The purpose of the course is to enable the students - under the direction of a supervisor - to deepen their knowledge of a selected topic of European and/or international trade law through the composition of a thesis and participation in seminars. The course will, moreover, develop the students' aptitude in legal argumentation, the skill to conduct independent research and the ability to apply relevant legal methods to this field.

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the particular subject chosen for the Master and good understanding of the subject's significance within the general context of

European and international trade law;
- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the scientific and methodological foundations of European and international trade law; and
- demonstrate good awareness of the current state of legal research and methodology in the discourse on EU law and/or WTO law.

Competence and skills

- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically assess and integrate knowledge from different sources of law independently;
- demonstrate an ability to critically and creatively identify and formulate legal problems and to systematise arguments as well as analyze, compare and evaluate theoretical and practical problems within the context of European and international trade law; and
- demonstrate an ability to plan and pursue qualified tasks within a given time frame.

Judgement and approach

- show an objective and critical attitude to legal writing and/or policies adopted in the field of European and International trade law; and
- show a high-level, in depth understanding of the various aspects, societal and/or ethical, and/or economic, and/or legal, of the topic chosen.

Course content

During the thesis course students carry on a research-based piece of work in the field of European and international trade law. Common instructions are given to all students admitted to the course in the form of seminars on general questions related to European and international trade law as well as methodology and practical skills, attendance of which is compulsory. A supervisor is assigned to every student. The student has a right to supervision during the term he or she is registered for the first time for the course.

Course design

At the initiative of the student and after consultation with the supervisor and approval by the programme director, part of the research of the master thesis may be carried out within the framework of an internship at law firms, companies, national or international institutions or non-governmental organisations.

Assessment

Examination is primarily in the form of completion of a master thesis. Examination also includes a public thesis defence seminar where the thesis is presented and defended. Each student must be an opponent at another thesis defence seminar. The thesis defence seminar and the opposition are compulsory elements of the examination. In addition, examination includes compulsory attendance at seminars throughout the course related to methodology and similar subjects. The completed master thesis shall be submitted for publication and storage in both a printed version and in electronic form after the final examination.

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 courses of the Master's Programme in European and International Trade and Tax Law (track 1) equivalent to 45 credits.

Subcourses in HARN63, Master Thesis in European and International Trade Law

Applies from H22

- 2201 Master Thesis, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2202 Thesis Defence Seminar, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 2203 Seminars, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass

Applies from H20

- 2001 Master Thesis, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2002 Thesis Defence Seminar, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass