

Faculty of Law

JAEN55, EU and International Trade Law, 15 credits Europeisk och internationell handelsrätt, 15 högskolepoäng Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2017-10-04 and was last revised on 2022-09-07. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-09-07, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

The course is an elective course within the Master's Programme in European Business Law at the Faculty of Law. The course is open to students on the programme leading to a Swedish Professional Law degree and to international students participating in exchange programmes with the Faculty of Law.

The course is scheduled to require 10 weeks of full-time studies.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European Business Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

The student must be able to demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of the topics related to interrelationship between EU and international law, and international trade agreements, multilateral and plurilateral agreements and their status in the EU legal order.

Competence and skills

The students must be able to demonstrate oral and written competence to assess and critically analyze the relevant EU legislation, international conventions and case law, and to present the results in oral during the seminars and in writing for the final written assignment.

Judgement and approach

Students shall be able to show comprehension of both development and the impact of legal discussions related to selected topics in EU External and International Trade Law. Also, the student is expected to show a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in restating, explaining and discussing the acquired information from different perspectives.

Course content

The course provides an overview of EU external relations law and the interaction between the EU and international trade law. In particular, it covers: i) the EU's external competence and its role as a global legal actor; ii) the status of international law within the EU and the EU's participation in international organisations; and iii) the relationship of the EU legal order with WTO law and international trade agreements with global trading partners.

Course design

Course delivery is provided in the form of lectures and three assessed seminars. Knowledge, comprehension and competences are attained by attendance at lectures, participation in seminars and individual study of prescribed course literature.

Assessment

The examination is divided into two components:

- three individual oral presentations through group work at a seminar (30% of the grade), and a

- take home exam (70% of the grade).

A student must pass each component separately to obtain a pass grade for the course. A student who fails to attend a seminar will be required to submit a short paper of 4-5 pages on the allocated topic showing an adequate level of proficiency.

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, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction.

All grading criteria rest on the baseline set up for the grade B. Criteria for the grade BA are additional to those for the grade B. Criteria for the grade AB are additional to those for the grade BA. Each grade criterion consists of a qualitative and a quantitative dimension. To be awarded a specific grade, the grade criterion must be satisfied in its qualitative as well as its quantitative dimension.

Grading criteria are applied to all dimensions listed as "Learning outcomes" in this syllabus. By way of example, an AB would presuppose that the student's examination reflect her or his mastery with regard to knowledge and understanding, skills and abilities and values and attitudes as laid down in the syllabus as "learning outcomes". Grading is done primarily using Qualitative and Quantitative criteria. The Quantitative criterion reflects how well read the student is whereas the Qualitative criterion reflects how well read the student is whereas the Qualitative criterion reflects and analytical argument and put it in a proper context.

B – Basic command

To obtain a B grade the student must be able to show an ability to reflect on the theoretical and practical applications of legal issues relating to the subject of EU External and International Trade Law.

BA – Advanced command

To obtain a BA grade the student must be able to show a high degree of competence in addressing theoretical and practical applications of legal issues relating to the subject of EU External and International Trade Law.

AB – Mastery

To obtain an AB grade the student must be able to show a very high degree of competence in addressing theoretical and practical applications of legal issues relating to the subject of EU External and International Trade Law.

Entry requirements

Passed examination in courses corresponding to the first year of the Master's programme in European Business Law, amounting to at least 45 credits.

For students on the Professional Law Degree Programme the entry requirements for semesters 7 and 8 are outlined in the Programme syllabus (utbildningsplanen).

Exchange students must have passed at least two and a half years of law studies at university level including basic knowledge of EU law.

Further information

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Subcourses in JAEN55, EU and International Trade Law

Applies from H17

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