



Faculty of Law

## JUBN16, Comparative Company Law, 15 credits

*Comparative Company Law, 15 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2010-03-10 to be valid from 2010-03-22, autumn semester 2010.

### General Information

The course Comparative Company Law is an optional course within the program leading to a Swedish Law degree. The course is also open to international students participating in exchange programmes with the Faculty of Law.

*Language of instruction:* English

Lectures and course material are in English.

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to enable students to critically reflect upon the basic principles and policies of comparative - EU, US and national - company law and in some specific areas of company law. The course focuses on how some of the most important commercial countries of the world today primarily those of the European Union, and the United States, with a lesser focus on Japan- deal with these issues.

*Knowledge and understanding*

To pass the examination the student shall

- show a basic understanding of comparative company law

- show a basic understanding of legal solutions; common to problems in company law
- show a basic understanding of how to; from a comparative perspective; identify diversities in the area of international company law
- orally present a developed legal argumentation regarding comparative company law related problems.

### *Skills and abilities*

To pass the examination the student shall

- show the capability to master a wide range of diverse sources in company law
- show ability to uncover similarities and diversities between the different national legal systems as to the field of company law
- assess legal and policy issues caused by the diverging national legal systems as to the field of company law

### *Judgement and approach*

Students shall train inter-disciplinary working methods with colleagues from different cultural backgrounds and of the opposite gender.

The students shall simultaneously perform independent investigation and take full responsibility for the development of their own knowledge in an objective, but critical manner.

To pass the examination the students shall be able to consider and discuss social and ethical responsibilities of corporations and make personal judgments based on these reflections.

## **Course content**

The course is a comparative examination of corporate legal systems and of pervasive issues related to the conduct and governance of corporate enterprise. Any free-enterprise corporate system must face similar questions related to enhancing economic performance and ensuring fair treatment to corporations' economic participants. The course focuses on how some of the most important commercial countries of the world today - primarily those of the European Union, and the United States, with a lesser focus on Japan- deal with these issues. It will compare strategies used in these countries, examining the differences to distinguish those that reflect genuine jurisprudential and policy distinctions from those that are only superficial.

## **Course design**

Teaching is structured in lectures and seminars, where student participation is required.

The student obtains knowledge and competences as above by individual studies of course literature and other course material, and by taking active part in lectures and seminars.

## **Assessment**

Examination is in the form of three papers during the course. All three papers are parts of the total grading.

In order to pass, students are required to meet 80 % attendance on the course.

*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.

## **Entry requirements**

For students studying for the professional Degree Master of Laws: prerequisites for studies on the 7th or 8th semester stated in the Curriculum for the Law Study programme

Prerequisites for international exchange students: relevant undergraduate studies corresponding to three years at a university level including basic knowledge in company law.

## **Further information**

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

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary actions 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 practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

## Subcourses in JUBN16, Comparative Company Law

Applies from V10

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