



Faculty of Law

JUFN24, Maritime and Transportation Law, 15 credits

Sjö- och transporträtt, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2014-05-14 and was valid from 2014-09-01, autumn semester 2014.

General Information

The course Maritime and Transportation Law is an optional course within the programme leading to a Swedish Law degree. It is also opened to international exchange students at the Faculty of Law. The course is scheduled to require 10 weeks of full time studies.

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

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Learning outcomes

To pass the examination, the student shall demonstrate knowledge and competences as below:

Knowledge and understanding

The student must be able to demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of maritime and transportation law including

- the legal concepts of nationality, registration and ownership of ships, sales and purchases of ships
- the legal concepts relating to proprietary interests in ships including maritime liens and mortgages
- enforcement of maritime claims and arrest of ships and other enforcement devices
- seafarer's rights
- carriage of goods by sea
- carrier's liability and limitation of liability
- contracts for the use of ships (time-, voyage- and bareboat charters)
- contracts for carriage by other transport including multimodal transportation

Competence and skills

The students must be able to demonstrate oral and written competence to -

- critically analyze international conventions and other treaty instruments governing maritime and transportation law;
- apply concepts and principles of maritime and transportation law to specific problems;
- present the results both in oral and written manner

Judgement and approach

Students shall be able to show comprehension of both development and the impact of legal discussions related to selected topics in maritime and transportation 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 principal object is to present salient features of maritime and transportation law at an introductory level and mainly from a private law perspective.

The course covers three subject areas, namely, maritime law; carriage of goods by sea, and an overview of carriage of goods by other means of transport. These areas consists of mainly international conventional regimes.

Course design

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

To be able to pass, the students shall meet 80% attendance on the course.

Assessment

Student performance is assessed by the following methods:

- individual oral presentations through group work at a seminar;
- two-hour closed book written examination;
- an essay on a provided topic of approximately 5 pages.

All components of examination will form part of the total grading.

Subcourses

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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 the student can use his/her knowledge to make a well structured critical and analytical argument and put it in a proper context.

The examination is divided into three components, namely, an assessed seminar presentation, a written examination and a home take essay. A student must pass each component separately to obtain a pass grade for the course.

Assessed Seminar: 20 marks

To pass the assessed seminar of 20 marks, students must be able to make individual oral presentations through group work to show evidence of sound knowledge and understanding of the specifically allocated task. A student who fails (below 10 marks) will be required to submit a short paper of 4/5 pages on the allocated topic showing an adequate level of proficiency.

To obtain a B grade (10 marks), the student must be able to show an ability to reflect on theoretical and practical applications of legal issues relating to the subject of maritime and transportation law.

To obtain a BA grade (15 marks), 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 maritime and transportation law.

To obtain an AB grade (20 marks), 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 maritime and transportation law.

Written Examination: 40 marks

This component consists of a two-hour closed book examination. The examination will consist of objective knowledge based questions and problem-solving exercises.

To obtain a B grade (20-24 marks), the student must be able to show an ability to reflect on theoretical and practical applications of legal issues relating to the subject of maritime and transportation law.

To obtain a BA grade (25-32 marks), 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 maritime and transportation law.

To obtain an AB grade (33-40 marks), 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 maritime and transportation law.

Take Home Essay (40 marks)

This component consists of a take-home essay of prescribed duration of approximately 5 pages in length.

To obtain a B grade (20-24 marks), 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 maritime and transportation law.

To obtain a BA grade (25-32 marks) 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 maritime and transportation law.

To obtain an AB grade (33-40 marks) 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 maritime and transportation law.

The combined grade for the course is based on the following marking scheme:

B: 50-60 marks

BA: 61-80 marks

AB: 81-100 marks

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.

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.