



Faculty of Social Sciences

RÄSA04, Sociology of Law: Basic Course. Online Course, 30 credits

Rättssociologi: Grundkurs. Distanskurs, 30 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Division of Sociology of Law on 2016-12-07 and was last revised on 2021-10-13. The revised syllabus applies from 2021-10-13, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Components in other Scandinavian languages and English may be included.

Main field of studies

Sociology of Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

For a Pass on the course, students shall

Knowledge and understanding

demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of

- the history and field of sociology of law justice and society
- theory of science and social theory
- the structure, contents and organisation of justice
- methods and investigative approaches of the social sciences and law

Competence and skills

demonstrate a basic ability to

- perform searches, and identify and assess sources of information in the fields of sociology of law and law
- use basic concepts of the sociology of law to analyse and interrogate justice

Furthermore, the student shall demonstrate basic skills to

- plan and implement an investigation in the sociology of law, according to instructions and predetermined time frames, individually or in groups
- report scholarly work in writing
- identify, formulate and analyse issues of the sociology of law
- apply theories and methods to issues of the sociology of law
- review and critically assess investigations in the sociology of law

Judgement and approach

demonstrate basic ability to

- constructively and critically reflect on the interaction between justice and society
- constructively and critically reflect on the relationship between theory and method
- make assessments of research ethics

Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with basic knowledge of the sociology of law. The course consists of three modules. The first module provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology of law and deals with judicial issues of relevance to an understanding of the discipline. The second part of the course focuses on theory and method. The third module is a synthesis of modules 1 and 2, aiming to enable students to use the knowledge obtained on previous courses to execute a scholarly investigation.

Module 1: Introduction to the Sociology of Law and Law (10 credits)

Module 2: Theory and Method (10 credits)

Module 3: Application- Investigation (10 credits)

Module 1, Introduction to the Sociology of Law and Law *Introduktion till rättssociologi och juridik (10 hp)*

The aim of the module is to provide students with an introduction to the sociology of law, its history and its position in the field of knowledge between law and society. The structure, contents and organisation of the legal system are presented at a general level. Furthermore, the module introduces basic perspectives of the theory of science and methodology.

Module 2, Theory and Method. *Teori och metod (10 hp)*

The module provides students with knowledge of philosophy of law and social sciences theory of importance to studies in the sociology of law. The students are trained in methods of the social sciences and law. Different methods of investigation are presented. Throughout the module, the relationship between theories and methods is discussed.

Module 3, Implementation- Investigation. *Tillämpning - utredning (10 hp)*

The module consists of a synthesis of the contents of the previous modules, i.e. it serves as an application of knowledge from the two first modules. The students execute a written investigation project highlighting an issue of the sociology of law from both a judicial and social sciences perspectives.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars, exercises and supervision. Unless there are valid reasons to the contrary, compulsory participation is required in seminars, exercises and associated written assignments.

Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative.

Assessment

The assessment of modules 1 and 2 is based on written tests. Module 3 is assessed on the basis of a written investigation. Assessment takes place individually.

Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first examination and two re-examinations. Two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of the end of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

The hours of supervision of the investigation are limited to the semester in which the student first registered for the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds.

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 distinction.

For a grade of Pass, the student must have attained the learning outcomes stated for the course. For a grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must have attained the learning outcomes particularly well. For a grade on the whole course, the students must have passed all the assessed components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least two of the modules, one of which must be the investigation of module 3.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

The course may not be included in degree together with RÄSA29, Sociology of Law: Level 1- Introduction to Law and Sociology of Law, 30 credits, RÄSA01, Sociology of Law: Level 1- Investigation, 30 credits, RÄSA02 Sociology of Law: Level 1- Introduction to Sociology of Law, and RÄSA03 Sociology of Law: Level 1

Subcourses in RÄSA04, Sociology of Law: Basic Course. Online Course

Applies from V17

- 1601 Introduction to Sociology of Law, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1602 Theory and Method, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 1603 Implementation - Investigation, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction