

**GNVA31, Gender Studies: Law in Theory and Practice - a
Gender perspective, 30 credits**
*Genusvetenskap: Juridik i teori och praktik ur ett genusperspektiv,
30 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Centre for Gender Studies on 2013-05-15 and was last revised on 2015-05-20. The revised syllabus applies from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component (semester 3) of the Bachelor of Science programme in Gender Studies. It can also be studied as a freestanding course. The language of instruction is Swedish. It aims to provide students with a basic introduction to the theory and practice of law from a gender perspective.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Gender Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall, within the field of law concerned, demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of

"the structure of the Swedish legal system, its rules and concepts

" research in gender jurisprudence

"theories and methods of gender jurisprudence

" theories and methods which can be used in analyses of law and jurisprudence from the perspectives of gender and equal opportunities

"the structure and relation of public international law and EU law to Swedish law in the field of law concerned

On completion of the course, the students shall demonstrate a basic ability to

" orient themselves in legal source material

"execute an individual assignment related to law from a perspective of gender or equal opportunities

" carry out basic information searches and demonstrate knowledge of simple reference management

Course content

The course consists of three modules.

Module 1 Theories and Methods of Law, 7.5 credits

In this module, the students will gain insight into the structure and concepts of the Swedish legal system. The students will also familiarise themselves with the structure of public international law and EU law and their relation to Swedish law. The module starts with an introduction to the structure of the legal system, legal source material and the legislative process. Subsequently, the students will receive information about basic legal methodology, information searches and reference management. During this module, the students will have the opportunity to search for legal material independently, under the supervision of a librarian at the Faculty of Law library. The students will also have the opportunity to discuss and perform advanced studies of legal cases and current research.

Module 2 Gender Studies Perspectives on Law, 15 credits

During this module, legal source material, legal methodology and research in jurisprudence will be studied and analysed from different gender studies perspectives. The strategies and regulations implemented to promote gender equality will also be presented and reviewed.

The fields of law addressed in module 1 will be subject to a more specialised gender studies analysis in this module. Three fields of law are in focus: anti-discrimination law, criminal law and human rights.

Module 3 Law in Practice, 7.5 credits

In this module, the students work in pairs to execute a project aiming to develop the students' ability to search for legal source material and to analyse a judicial problem from a perspective of law and/or gender theory.

Course design

The teaching on modules 1 and 2 consists of lectures and seminars including group discussions; module 3 consists of seminars. The seminars are assessed and therefore compulsory. Students may be required to submit posts to online platforms.

Assessment

The assessment of modules module 1 and 2 is based on take-home exams, written assignments, group assignments and group presentations. The assessment of module 3 is based on an extensive project executed in groups of two students.

Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first exam, a retake and a catch-up exam. At least 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.

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.

The grades awarded are Pass with Distinction, Pass and Fail. For a grade of Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course. For a grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must demonstrate particular theoretical awareness and analytical ability.

For a grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must have been awarded this grade on modules equivalent to at least 15 credits.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, the student must have completed the course GNVA11 Gender Studies: Level 2, of at least 45 credits or the equivalent.

Further information

This course replaces GNV500 Law and practical application, 20 credits, in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance,

1993:100.

Subcourses in GNVA31, Gender Studies: Law in Theory and Practice - a Gender perspective

Applies from H09

- 0901 Theory and Method of Law, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0902 Gender Studies Perspectives on Law, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0903 Law in Practice, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from H07

- 0601 Theory and Method of Law, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0602 Law in Practice, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction