



School of Economics and Management

HARF01, Introduction to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), 3 credits

Introduktion till EU:s dataskyddsförordning (GDPR), 3 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Law on 2025-02-12 and was last revised on 2025-12-10. The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-08-31 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

General information

The course is part of the University's x-courses for interdisciplinary education.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study *Specialisation*

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

Learning outcomes

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate basic knowledge about the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR),
- demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts and principles of European data protection law.

Competence and skills

- solve basic data protection problems by applying legal rules and other legal sources.

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate an ability to think critically about the need for balancing the right to protection of personal data with other fundamental rights (e.g., freedom of speech) or objectives of public interest (e.g., innovation, law enforcement or national security).

Course content

In today's digital economy, data is one of the most valuable resources. Since all processing of personal data in the European Union must comply with its data protection legislation, knowledge about data protection law is essential for any organisation's digital transformation journey. Failure to protect the privacy of its customers, employees or other data subjects may not only result in huge fines but can also lead to serious reputational damage.

The purpose of the course is to give basic knowledge about the fundamentals of European data protection law, in particular the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Since the adoption of the GDPR (and similar EU legislation), data protection law is predominantly regulated on the European level. The course mainly focuses on common EU rules. Although certain national derogations are allowed, the GDPR has in principle replaced national data protection law and is directly applicable in all EU/EEA member states.

The course also gives students an opportunity to apply data protection legislation to basic problems that different organisations commonly encounter when processing personal data. Through practical case assignments students will gain an understanding of how both private and public sector bodies can adopt technical and organisational measures to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Course design

Teaching is conducted online through digital lectures and teacher-led group exercises in the form of video meetings (LU Zoom). During exercises students work in small groups to present and discuss solutions to practical cases.

An alternative date is offered to students who were unable to complete one or more compulsory group exercises owing to circumstances beyond their control, e.g. accident or sudden illness. This also applies to students who carry out assignments as a student representative.

Assessment

Assessment is conducted through a written seated final examination. The final examination takes place in Lund. Participation in all exercises is compulsory. All compulsory components must be completed during the same course period. A passing grade on the exercises is required to take the final exam.

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.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must meet the general entry requirements for higher education in Sweden (with the exception of proficiency in Swedish)