



School of Economics and Management

HARG16, Business Law: International and Comparative Labour Law, 15 credits

*Handelsrätt: Internationell och komparativ arbetsrätt, 15
högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by The Board of the Department of Business Law on 2016-10-12 and was valid from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

General Information

The main field of study is business law and the subject of the course is labour law. The course is offered by the Department of Business Law in collaboration with the Department of Law. The course is compulsory in the labour law specialisation of the Human Resource Development and Labour Relations Programme but is also offered as a freestanding course and as a specialisation course for the law degree programme.

Teaching is conducted in English and study resources in Danish, English or Norwegian may be included

Main field of studies

Business Law

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

For a Pass on the course, students must be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate specialised knowledge of the regulatory system of the Swedish labour market from an international perspective
- demonstrate insight into international labour law systems of relevance from a Swedish perspective
- demonstrate knowledge of the labour law regime of the EU
- demonstrate knowledge of comparative methodology, and
- demonstrate some understanding of the importance of similarities and differences between different labour law systems

Competence and skills

- compare different legal systems in order to determine their similarities and differences
- understand foreign law texts and foreign court judgments and the texts of treaties, ordinances, directives and conventions
- find and assess material of relevance to comparative studies
- identify and manage the methodological issues associated with the use of foreign sources
- explain the EU's legal system and its impact on the Swedish labour law regime, and
- write an independent project in English

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate critical thinking and the ability to place international working conditions in their social, economic and political context
- demonstrate awareness of the ethical aspects and other issues stemming from transnational work, and
- demonstrate a deepened perspective on the different justified interests that the regulatory system must balance

Course content

The course starts with a study of comparative methodology and its use. The labour law systems of the Nordic countries are addressed from both a material and comparative perspective. The key features of labour law and of the legal systems of the labour market that are of significance to Swedish industry are discussed. In addition, international organisations and their regulations with regard to labour law are covered. Furthermore, the course deals with the legal regime and key labour law provisions of the EU and their relationship to Swedish labour law. The course also includes an overview of issues of international private and procedural law.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminar exercises requiring active student participation. The seminars are compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is based partly on the student's written report in English on a specialised issue chosen by the student in consultation with the examiner and partly on a written exam.

An additional opportunity for assessment is organised shortly after the end of the course.

The assessment will particularly take into account the student's ability to complete assignments within predetermined time frames.

Lund University considers cheating and plagiarism a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary action against students who are suspected of any form of cheating and/or plagiarism. The penalties imposed for this are a warning or suspension from the University for a certain period.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The School of Economics and Management applies a system of criterion-referenced grades according to which the letters A to E signify passing grades and the letter U a fail.

A (Excellent) An excellent result in terms of theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

B (Very good) A very good result in terms of theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence..

C (Good) A good result in terms of theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

D (Satisfactory) A satisfactory result in terms of theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

E (Acceptable) A result that satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence, but not more.

Fail (Inadequate) A result that is inadequate with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

To pass a course, the student must obtain the grade of E or higher.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students taking the programme in Human Resource Development and Labour Relations must have passed the course PEAB04 Labour Law I and attended the course PEAB05 Human Resource Development and Labour Relations in an Economic Context, or the equivalent.

Other students must have passed HARA06 Labour Law I and HARA04 Introductory Course in Business Law or the equivalent in order to be admitted.

Further information

Transitional provision

If the course is discontinued, students who have not yet passed the course will be offered three opportunities to complete the written exam within three semesters of the last semester the course was offered. Furthermore, students will be offered three opportunities within three semesters to submit for assessment the report that is a requirement for passing the course.

Subcourses in HARG16, Business Law: International and Comparative Labour Law

Applies from V12

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