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School of Economics and Management

HARN51, International Contract Law, 7.5 credits *Internationell kontraktsrätt, 7,5 högskolepoäng* Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Law on 2019-11-13 and was last revised on 2022-06-08. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-08-29, autumn semester 2022.

General Information

The course International Contract Law is an advanced course which focuses on the regulation of international trade and contracts. The students will in particular study various rules relevant for international contracts, including international contractual model laws.

The course is optional for the students achieving a Master of European and International Trade Law. It may also be studied as a single subject course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

European and International Trade Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

The students will be trained as reflective practitioners in taking an active part in developing a sustainable society building on innovative thinking. This course will particularly enable the students to adopt informed decisions regarding legal aspects of international contracts and be able to convert regulatory constraints into opportunities. It aims at providing students with knowledge in European and international trade law in general and international contract law in particular.

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

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge as regards general aspects of international trade, such as sources of international law, international jurisdictions, courts and arbitration;
- demonstrate profound knowledge and understanding in the fields of trade and contract law; and
- demonstrate methodological knowledge in trade and contract law.

Competence and skills

- demonstrate an ability to apply the law in the field of European and international trade and contract law;
- demonstrate an ability to independently identify and analyse problems related to European and international trade and contract law; and
- demonstrate an ability to work individually as well as in groups with students from different cultures in order to solve practical problems.

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the fields of trade and contract law, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects; and
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

Course content

International trade evolves rapidly and becomes increasingly complex. The need for a common understanding between business parties when it comes to contractual terms is very high. The course therefore focuses on international sales of goods and services and highlights the role of international contractual model laws such as the Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts, the Principles of European Contract Law and the Draft Common Frame of Reference. However, different interpretation and disputes are sometimes unavoidable. The course therefore in addition covers other aspects of international trade, such as sources of international law, international jurisdictions, courts and arbitration.

Course design

Teaching is structured in lectures and seminars. Students' participation in seminars is compulsory.

Assessment

The course requires active participation from the students during lectures, seminars and group works. It also requires individual preparation (self-study).

Examination is based on individual as well as group performance. The exam is an individual written exam. Group performances and other individual performances are case solving activities and can include written short assignment/s and/or oral presentation/s.

In order to pass, students are required to meet the 100% active attendance

requirement in the seminars.

In connection with the course three exam opportunities are offered; one exam, one re-exam and a second re-exam in August the following year.

The total number of occasions that a student can try to complete the examination for the approved result on the course is limited to five occasions.

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, E, D, C, B, A.

At the School of Economics and Management grades are awarded in accordance with a criterion-based grading scale A-U. Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass the course.

A (Excellent) A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail) The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The University will take disciplinary actions against any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other improper practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specific period of time.

Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree in Law or an undergraduate degree in Economics or Business Administration (BSc, LL.B. or equivalent), including 15 ECTS credits in Law or equivalent knowledge.

A good command of English language, both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6 (advanced level) in the Swedish secondary system.

Subcourses in HARN51, International Contract Law

Applies from H20

- 2001 Exam, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 2002 Seminars, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass