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Faculty of Law

JAEM03, Master Thesis, 30 credits *Master Thesis, 30 högskolepoäng* Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2008-12-09 and was last revised on 2022-09-07. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-09-07, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course Master Thesis is a compulsory course in the Master's programme in European Business Law. The course is offered during the fourth term of the programme.

Language of instruction: English
The thesis should be written in English.

Main field of studies

European Business Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

The aim of the course is that the students by writing a qualified thesis, with supervision, shall get advanced knowledge of a chosen subject in the general field of European business law. The aim of the course is furthermore that the students shall develop their ability to carry out qualified legal argumentation, independent research and application of relevant legal methods.

Knowledge and understanding

To pass the examination, the student shall demonstrate

- advanced knowledge of the subject that has been chosen for the thesis and good

understanding of the importance of the subject in European business law in general

- advanced knowledge of the scientific and methodological bases of European business law
- good knowledge of current legal research and methodology with regard to the language and basic principles of European law.

Competence and skills

To pass the course the student shall show ability to

- critically and systematically evaluate and integrate knowledge from different legal sources
- critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate legal problems, structure arguments and analyse, compare and evaluate theoretical and practical problems in European business law
- plan and carry out qualified assignments within given time frames.

Judgement and approach

To pass the examination, the student shall demonstrate

- advanced understanding of the role basic principles play in European and national legal systems
- an understanding of the role basic principles in the European law play in collaboration between states and individuals/groups and between EU and its member states
- good understanding of the values that are encapsulated in the basic principles of the European law about inter alia non discrimination, subsidiarity and proportionality
- ability to evaluate the societal aspects of European business law
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- understanding of the role international and regional organisations play for the processes to establish norms and carry out decisions
- understanding of the relative value of regulation at European/international level compared with regulation at the national level.

Course design

For each student, a supervisor and an examiner are appointed. The student has the right to individual supervision during the semester when the student is registered for the first time for the thesis. In case of re-registration, supervision is only given to the extent that there are special reasons or if it has been granted by the supervisor.

Assessment

Examination takes place through seminars and writing of a master thesis. An examiner is appointed at the latest when the time for the defence seminar is established. Each student shall be opponent at a defence seminar. The defence seminar and opposition constitute compulsory parts of the examination. The examiner should be present at the seminar. If there are special reasons, the supervisor or other teacher can instead be present. The examiner establishes the grade for the thesis.

After the defence seminar, the thesis should in completed form be submitted electronically for publication in the online thesis database.

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 credit, Pass with distinction.

B- Pass

For the grade of B, the thesis must achieve the following aims.

Knowledge and understanding

- The description of the legal field and the disciplinary foundation is acceptable even if it has deficiencies.
- The chosen method or methods are applied in a relevant way.
- The thesis contains a survey of relevant research.

Competence and skills

- The research problem is clearly presented. The work is mainly directed towards the research problem and has an acceptable analytical approach even if it is mainly descriptive.
- The work is completed with a degree of independence regarding the source material that contains relevant sources.
- The argumentation is supported in the material and is presented in an acceptable way. The work has an acceptable structure. Citation of sources and references is mainly correct.
- The student can be late in completing assignments.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows a basic ability to observe:

- the role that basic principles play in European and national legal systems and their importance for European business law
- the values that are encapsulated in the basic principles of European law in economic, commercial and social contexts

- the economic and social aspects of European commercial law and their role in international and regional organisations
- the relative value of regulation at European/international level compared with regulation at the national level in a commercial context.

BA- Pass with Credit

For the grade of BA, the thesis must achieve the following aims. A minimum requirement is that the aims for the grade of B have been achieved.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis contains a correct description of the legal field and a relevant description of the disciplinary foundation.
- The chosen method or methods are applied in a deliberate and relevant way.
- The research in the area is integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and the research question/questions are well-formulated. The work contains a clear analysis but can be partly descriptive. The presentation is directed towards the problem. The chosen problem contributes to the existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is completed independently regarding the source material that contains relevant sources.
- The argumentation is well supported in the material and is presented in a clear way. The work has a clear and logical structure. Citation of sources and references is mainly correct.
- The work is carried out in an organised way and is carried out with a moderate deviation from the agreed time.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows an ability to observe:

- the role that basic principles play in European and national legal systems and their importance for European business law
- the values that are encapsulated in the basic principles of European law in economic, commercial and social contexts
- the economic and social aspects of European business law and their role in international and regional organisations
- the relative value of regulation at European/international level compared with regulation at the national level in a commercial context.

AB- Pass with Distinction

For the grade of AB, the thesis must achieve the following aims. A minimum requirement is that the aims for the grade of BA have been achieved.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis contains a correct and solid description of the legal field and is based on a good account of the disciplinary foundation.

- The chosen method or methods are applied in a deliberate and systematic way.
- The research in the area is skilfully integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and the research question/questions are presented in a structured and clear way. The analysis is consistently well executed. The presentation is clearly delimited and directed towards the chosen problem or problems. The chosen problem contributes to the existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is systematic and independently implemented in relation to the source material, which is extensive and containing all relevant sources.
- The argumentation is included, well supported in the material and systematically presented. The work is well written and has a clear and logical structure. Citation of sources and references is correct.
- The work is carried out systematically and purposefully and is mainly carried out within the agreed time.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows an advanced ability to observe:

- the role that basic principles play in European and national legal systems and their importance for European business law
- the values that are encapsulated in the basic principles of European law in economic, commercial and social contexts
- the economic and social aspects of European business law and their role in international and regional organisations
- the relative value of regulation at European/international level compared with regulation at the national level in a commercial context.

Entry requirements

Passed examination of 90 credits from the three first terms of the Master's programme.

Further information

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Subcourses in JAEM03, Master Thesis

Applies from V09

- 0801 Master Thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction
- 0802 Electronic Submission, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 0803 Obligatory Seminars, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 0804 Public Defence, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 0805 Acting as Opponent, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated