

## **JAEM03, Master Thesis, 30 credits**

### *Master Thesis, 30 högskolepoäng*

#### **Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2008-12-09 and was valid from 2008-12-09, spring semester 2009.

### **General Information**

The course Master Thesis is a compulsory course within the Master's Programme in European Business Law at the Faculty of Law for those students who do not take the course JAEM01 Master Thesis I and JAEM02 Master Thesis II amounting to 30 credits in total. The course is given during the fourth term of the programme.

The course is scheduled to require 20 weeks of full studies.

The Master thesis shall be written in English. All mandatory lectures and/or seminars – including the seminar for the defence of the thesis – are held 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 purpose of the course is to enable the students – under the direction of a supervisor – to acquire an in-depth knowledge of a selected topic within the general field of European business law through the composition of a thesis at an advanced level. The course will, moreover, develop the students' aptitude in advanced legal argumentation, the skill to conduct independent research and the ability to apply relevant legal method.

If the student has taken part in an internship programme, the student will also be able to demonstrate a good understanding of the connection and interplay between legal theory and the practical application of law.

### **Knowledge and understanding**

To pass the examination the student shall show:

- an in-depth knowledge of the particular subject chosen for the Master thesis and good understanding of the subject's significance within the general context of European business law
- an in-depth knowledge of the scientific and methodological foundations of European business law
- a good awareness of the current state of legal research and methodology in the dis-course on the fundamental principles of EC/EU law.

### **Competence and skills**

To pass the examination the student shall show the ability:

- to critically and systematically assess and integrate knowledge from different sources of law
- to independently, critically and creatively identify and formulate legal problems and to systematize arguments and to analyze, compare and evaluate theoretical and practical problems within the context of European business law
- to plan and pursue qualified tasks within a given time frame.

### **Judgement and approach**

To pass the examination the student shall demonstrate:

- an in-depth understanding of the role of fundamental principles within the European and national legal systems
- insights into the role played by fundamental principles of EC/EU law in the interaction between States and individuals/groups and between the EU and its Member States
- good understanding of the values enshrined in the fundamental principles of EC/EU law such as the principles of non-discrimination, subsidiarity and proportionality
- the ability to make an assessment regarding the societal aspects of European business law
- insights into the role played by European business law in the interaction between States and individuals/groups and between the EU and its Member States
- insight into the role of international and regional organizations in the process of norm creation and enforcement
- insights into the relative merits of regulation at an European/international level as opposed to regulation at national level.

### **Course content**

Common instructions are given to all students admitted to the course in the form of seminars on general questions related to European business law as well as methodology and practical skills, attendance of which is compulsory.

### **Course design**

A supervisor is assigned to every student. The student has a right to individual supervision during the term he or she is registered for the first time for the course.

At the initiative of the student and after consultation with the supervisor and approval by the programme director, part of the research of the master thesis may be carried out within the framework of an internship at law firms, companies, national or international organs or non-governmental organizations.

## **Assessment**

Examination is in the form of a public thesis defence seminar where the thesis is pre-sented and defended. Each student must be an opponent at another thesis defence seminar. The thesis defence seminar and the opposition are compulsory elements of the examination.

The completed master thesis shall be submitted for publication in electronic form after the final examination.

*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.

## **Entry requirements**

Passed courses from the first three terms of the programme amounting to 90 higher education credits.

## **Further information**

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examination and assessment. The penalty that may be imposed for this and other unfair practice in examinations or assessment 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