



Faculty of Law

JAMM04, 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 to be valid from 2008-12-09, spring semester 2009.

General Information

The course Master Thesis is a compulsory course within the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law within the specialization in International Human Rights Law.

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

Language of instruction: English

Lectures and course material are in English.

Main field of studies

Human Rights

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 give the student an in-depth insight in a selected topic of international human rights law through writing a qualified essay on Master level. Furthermore, the purpose is to enhance the ability of the student to conduct research and to practice the analytical skills and advanced argumentation and legal method that are required in an international and national legal profession.

Knowledge and understanding

To pass examination the student shall be able to show

- in-depth knowledge concerning the selected topic within international human rights law
- in-depth knowledge of the scientific and methodological foundations of this branch of law
- knowledge about current international human rights law research and methodology.

Competence and skills

To pass examination the student shall show:

- ability, on an advanced level, to critically and systematically assess and integrate knowledge in international human rights law
- ability to independently, critically and creatively identify legal problems and to systematize arguments, and to analyze, compare and assess theoretical and practical problems within the context of international human rights law
- ability to plan and pursue qualified tasks within given time frames and to contribute to the development of knowledge and to assess the performance.

Judgement and approach

To pass examination the student shall show:

- ability to make an assessment regarding societal aspects of international human rights law
- insight regarding the role international human rights law plays in the interaction between states and individuals/groups and in the international community as a whole
- insight regarding the role of international and regional organizations in the international human rights law making processes
- ability to realize the advantages and disadvantages of international human rights law and its impact on the state organization and legislation
- ability to continuously develop the knowledge about international human rights law and its underlying theories and methods.

Course content

Instruction is given in the forms of mandatory seminars.

Course design

A supervisor is assigned for every student. The student has a right to individual supervision during the term she or he is initially registered for the Master thesis course. In cases of re-registration, a supervisor is assigned only if there are special circumstances or if the supervisor has approved the extension.

Assessment

Examination is in the form of seminars and the writing of a Master thesis. In order to fulfil the course the student is also required to have participated in ten final thesis defence seminars of other students.

The student must participate in all the mandatory seminars during the course. The Master thesis is defended at a public thesis defence seminar where the thesis is presented 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 thesis shall be handed in for publication in an electronic form when finished and 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 examination on 90 credits from the three first terms of the 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 JAMM04, 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 Attendance at Obligatory Public Defenses, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 0805 Public Defense, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 0806 Acting as Opponent, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated