

JAMM07, Master Thesis, 30 credits

Masteruppsats, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2016-12-30 and was valid from 2017-01-16, spring semester 2017.

General Information

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

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

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 topic chosen and ability to place it within international human rights law
- in-depth knowledge of the theoretical and methodological foundations of international human rights law

- in-depth knowledge about international human rights law scholarship.

Competence and skills

To pass examination the student shall show:

- ability, on an advanced level, to critically and systematically assess and apply knowledge in international human rights law
- ability to identify legal problems in an independent, critical and creative fashion. Ability to systematize arguments, to analyze, compare and assess theoretical and practical problems of international human rights law.

Judgement and approach

To pass examination the student shall show:

- understanding of the role of international human rights law in the interaction between states, individuals and groups
- understanding of the role of international, regional and domestic international human rights institutions
- ability to understand the possibilities and the limits of international human rights law.

Course design

Instruction is given in the forms of mandatory seminars.

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.

B - Basic command

For a grade of B the thesis must generally meet the following criteria.

Knowledge and understanding

- The account of the field of law and the disciplinary foundations is acceptable, in spite of shortcomings.
- The chosen method(s) is applied relevantly.
- The thesis includes a report on relevant research.

Competence and skills

- The problem is clearly presented. The thesis focuses for the most part on that problem and has an acceptable analytical approach but may be largely descriptive.
- The project is carried out with a certain degree of independence with regard to the source material, which includes relevant sources.
- The argument is supported in the material and presented in an acceptable manner. The thesis is structured in an acceptable manner. Sources are largely handled correctly.

Judgement and approach

- The presentation demonstrates ability, on a basic level, to consider: the role of IHRL in the interaction between states, individuals and groups; the role of international, regional and domestic IHRL institutions; the possibilities and limits of IHRL.

BA - Advanced command

For a grade of BA the thesis must generally meet the following criteria. A minimum requirement is that the criteria for a grade of B are met.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis includes a correct account of the field of law and a relevant account of the disciplinary foundations of the field.
- The chosen method(s) is applied deliberately and relevantly.
- Scholarship on the topic is integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and research question(s) are well formulated. The thesis includes a clear analysis but may be descriptive in part. The account focuses on the problem. The problem chosen contributes to existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is carried out independently with regard to the source material, which includes relevant sources.
- The argument is well supported in the material and presented in a clear manner. The structure is largely clear and logical. Sources are handled correctly.

Judgement and approach

- The presentation demonstrates ability to consider: the role of IHRL in the interaction between states, individuals and groups; the role of international,

regional and domestic IHRL institutions; the possibilities and limits of IHRL.

AB - Mastery

For a grade of AB the thesis must generally meet the following criteria. A minimum requirement is that the criteria for a grade of BA are met.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis includes a correct and solid account of the field of law and rests on a sound account of the disciplinary foundations of the field.
- The chosen method(s) is applied deliberately and systematically.
- Scholarship on the topic is well integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and research question(s) are presented in a structured and clear manner. The analysis has an overall sound quality. The account is clearly delimited and focuses on the problem(s) chosen. The problem chosen contributes to existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is systematic and independent in relation to the source material. Source material is comprehensive and includes all key sources.
- The argument is detailed, well supported in the material and presented in a systematic manner. The thesis is well written. The structure is clear and logical. Sources are handled correctly.

Judgement and approach

- The presentation demonstrates an advanced ability to consider: the role of IHRL in the interaction between states, individuals and groups; the role of international, regional and domestic IHRL institutions; the possibilities and limits of IHRL.

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 JAMM07, Master Thesis

Applies from V17

- 1601 Master thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction
- 1602 Electronic submission, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1603 Obligatory seminars, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1604 Attendance at obligatory public defenses, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1605 Public defence, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1606 Acting as opponent, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated