

JRHN11, Comparative European Legal History, 15 credits

Comparative European Legal History, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2007-08-22 and was last revised on 2016-05-11 by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-05-11, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

The course "Comparative European Legal History" is an optional course within the programme leading to a Swedish professional Law degree. It is open to students on the 7th or 8th term of the curriculum for the professional Degree Master of Laws programme, to students participating in international exchange programmes with the Faculty of Law and it can also be studied as a single subject course. The duration of the course is 10 weeks of full-time study.

Language of instruction: English

Lectures and course materials are in English.

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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

Learning outcomes

In this course the participants will gain insight into themes such as *Ius Commune*, federalism, judiciaries, human rights, legal science and codifications, law and politics, from a European dimension. The course will rely on recent discourse in legal history, on the role of comparative law and of legal cultures.

To pass the examination, the student shall be able to demonstrate knowledge and competences as outlined below:

Knowledge and understanding

The student shall be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of

- the cultures and history of the major legal systems of Europe
- the development of legal science and legal education
- constitutional ideas, their manifestations and interaction with human rights
- the various institutional developments within criminal law, civil law and procedural law

The student shall be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the historical roots of the ideas that have led to the establishment of the European Union, its legal structure and its institutions.

Competence and skills

The student shall be able to demonstrate skills and abilities in

- commenting critically on and analysing various historical legal sources and identifying examples in European legal history of the interaction between different legal systems
- demonstrating a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in recounting, explaining and discussing the knowledge he/she has acquired from different perspectives
- using the concept of legal culture as a theoretical and methodological basis for analysing the development of law in Europe

Judgement and approach

The students shall be able to demonstrate an understanding of both the development of European legal history and the impact on it of contemporary legal discussions.

Course content

The course is divided in two parts. The first part (5 weeks) includes lectures and seminars. This part of the course ends with projects where the students study special topics in depth followed by a written examination. The second part (5 weeks) includes an essay which is presented and discussed orally at an examination seminar.

Course design

Knowledge, understanding and skills are attained by

- attendance at course lectures
- participation in group projects with oral and written presentations
- individual, independent work on an essay and the scrutinising of an essay of a fellow student

Teaching is provided in the form of lectures, project seminars and individual tuition.

Assessment

The examination consists of a written examination, oral and written project presentation and an essay. There is a final seminar, where each essay will be scrutinized by a fellow student (opponent).

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

To achieve the grade B students must demonstrate basic command of showing insight in such themes as *Ius Commune*, federalism, judiciaries, human rights, legal science and codifications, law and politics from an European dimension.

The students shall also be able to demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of

- the cultures and history of the major legal systems of Europe
- the development of legal science and legal education
- constitutional ideas, their manifestations and interaction with human rights
- the various institutional development within criminal law, civil law and procedural law
- the historical roots of the ideas that led to the establishment of the European Union, its legal structure and its institutions

The student shall be able to demonstrate basic skills and abilities in

- commenting critically on and analyzing various historical legal sources and identifying examples in European legal history of the interaction between different legal systems
- demonstrating a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in recounting, explaining and discussing the knowledge he/she has acquired from different perspectives

The student shall be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of both the development of European legal history and the impact on it of contemporary legal discussion.

BA – Advanced command

To achieve the grade BA students must demonstrate advanced command of showing insight in such themes as *Ius Commune*, federalism, judiciaries, human rights, legal science and codifications, law and politics from an European dimension.

The students shall also be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of

- the cultures and history of the major legal systems of Europe
- the development of legal science and legal education
- constitutional ideas, their manifestations and interaction with human rights
- the various institutional development within criminal law, civil law and procedural law
- the historical roots of the ideas that led to the establishment of the European Union, its legal structure and its institutions

The student shall be able to demonstrate advanced skills and abilities in

- commenting critically on and analyzing various historical legal sources and identifying examples in European legal history of the interaction between different legal systems
- demonstrating a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in recounting, explaining and discussing the knowledge he/she has acquired from different perspectives

The student shall be able to demonstrate an advanced understanding of both the development of European legal history and the impact on it of contemporary legal discussion.

AB – Mastery

To achieve the grade AB students must demonstrate mastery in command of showing insight in such themes as *Ius Commune*, federalism, judiciaries, human rights, legal science and codifications, law and politics from an European dimension.

The students shall also be able to demonstrate mastery knowledge and understanding of

- the cultures and history of the major legal systems of Europe
- the development of legal science and legal education
- constitutional ideas, their manifestations and interaction with human rights
- the various institutional development within criminal law, civil law and procedural law
- the historical roots of the ideas that led to the establishment of the European Union, its legal structure and its institutions

The student shall be able to demonstrate mastery skills and abilities in

- commenting critically on and analyzing various historical legal sources and identifying examples in European legal history of the interaction between different legal systems
- demonstrating a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in recounting, explaining and discussing the knowledge he/she has acquired from different perspectives

The student shall be able to demonstrate mastery understanding of both the development of European legal history and the impact on it of contemporary legal discussion.

Entry requirements

For students studying for the professional Degree of Master of Laws, the admission requirements are those for studying on the 7th or 8th term as stated in the Curriculum for the Law Study Programme.

Admission requirements for international exchange students are relevant undergraduate studies corresponding to three years at a university level.

When the course is offered as a single subject course, the admission requirements are 120 higher education credits (120 ECTS) in law, the social sciences or the humanities.

Subcourses in JRHN11, Comparative European Legal History

Applies from H07

0701 Comparative European Legal History, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction