

JUFN17, Global Legal Cultures, 15 credits

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Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2010-12-07 to be valid from 2011-01-25, spring semester 2011.

General Information

The course "Global Legal Cultures" 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 course is scheduled to require 10 weeks of full time studies.

Lectures and course material 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

Knowledge and understanding

To pass examination the student shall show

- in-depth knowledge concerning the foundations of Global Legal Cultures and the main legal traditions of the world, and how they are related to each other
- knowledge of theories and methods related to contextual comparative law
- knowledge of theories and methods related to legal cultures and traditions.

Competence and skills

To pass examination the student shall show

- ability, on an advanced level, to critically and systematically assess and integrate knowledge related to the legal traditions of the world discussed in the class
- ability to independently, critically and creatively identify legal and contextual problems related to the legal traditions analyzed in the class
- ability to relate the discussed legal traditions to current societal and cultural discourses
- ability to work individually as well as in interaction with the other students in the class

Judgement and approach

To pass examination the student shall show

- ability to make an assessment regarding the legal traditions discussed during the course
- insights regarding the current discourses related to comparative law, legal cultures and legal traditions
- insights regarding the relation between the legal culture in which the student is trained and the legal tradition discussed in the seminars
- ability to individually demonstrate a critical and analytical consciousness to the relevance of the scientific problems raised in class.

Course content

I. The scientific framework to European legal traditions: Comparative legal history, the concepts of legal systems, legal cultures and legal traditions; current discourses related to European legal science, European legal harmonization, and especially European legal history.

II. A closer look at the civil law and common law traditions, , the Talmudic legal tradition, the Islamic legal tradition, the Hindu legal tradition, the Asian legal tradition, and the so called – chthonic legal tradition.

III. Analytical comparison related to the concept of legal tradition and to the descriptions of the legal traditions being discussed in the class.

IV. Evaluation of the legal problems related to the European legal traditions discussed and to the relevance of these discourses to the European integration, and to the globalization of legal cultures.

Course design

The students obtain knowledge and competences as above by individual studies, and by taking an active part in the seminars.

Instruction is given in the forms of seminars aiming at a deeper understanding of the contexts to the dominating legal systems of the world as demonstrated within the legal cultures of the European Union.

Assessment

Examination is starting at the second seminar and ending at the last. To each seminar the student has to present a P.M. (3 pages) related to the legal tradition discussed and containing an identification of the most important phenomena, problems and questions related to the legal tradition discussed. The student has to hand in the P.M. and also take active part in the discussion at each of the nine seminars in the class.

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

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.

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 JUFN17, Global Legal Cultures

Applies from H12

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction