

JURF12, Extended Introduction to Law, 15 credits

Utvidgad juridisk introduktionskurs, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2009-10-05 (J 2009/482) and was last revised by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2024-03-11 (U 2024/152). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2024-03-11 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

The course is an online freestanding distance learning course comprising ten weeks of full-time study. The course can be delivered at full- or part-time pace. The first three weeks, however, are always full-time.

Language of instruction: Swedish

The language of instruction and assessment is Swedish. Texts in English may be included.

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

To pass the course, students shall be able to demonstrate

- knowledge of the basic structure of the Swedish legal system
- an understanding of the subdivision of the areas of law enabling them to account, in a structured and comprehensible fashion, for the differences between issues of civil law, public law, penal law and process law

- knowledge of and understanding of basic rules concepts and principles within in the following legal fields: legal history constitutional law contract law purchasing law law of obligations
- real estate law law of damages corporate law labour law family law inheritance law penal law and procedural law

For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the students shall be able to demonstrate

- specialised understanding of the structure of the Swedish legal system and specialised knowledge and understanding of basic rules, concepts and principles in the above-mentioned fields

Competence and skills

To pass the course, the students shall be able to demonstrate

- ability to identify which of the following areas of law a given issue belongs to: knowledge in legal history, constitutional law, contract law, purchasing law, law of obligations, real estate law, law of damages, association law, labour law or family law
- ability to adequately solve simple problems in each of the above-mentioned fields through methodological and structured use of different legal sources
- ability to execute simple analyses of legal cases

For the grade of Pass with Distinction, the students shall be able to demonstrate

- the advanced ability to solve problems through structured and methodological use of legal sources generally required to pass courses in the first cycle of the law degree programme

Judgement and approach

To pass the course, the students shall be able to demonstrate

- insights into the specific rules that apply to consumers or employees in their role of the weaker party in certain legal situations
- a certain ability to critically view law from other perspectives than the legal one insights with regard to, for example, gender issues that are associated with the basic structure of the Swedish legal system as well as with legislation and application

Course content

The course is to provide the students with knowledge of the basic structure of the Swedish legal system. The students are also acquire knowledge of the basic rules, concepts and principles of the key legal areas and develop their ability to apply them in simple cases. Accordingly, the student shall, on completion of the course, have acquired the ability to use the most basic and easily accessible sources of law (law texts, cases and literature) to be able to solve legal problems. An additional aim is to

enable the students to practise written composition.

Course design

Initial test

The first two weeks of the course are made up of an introductory block concluded with an online written test in the third week.

Another four test opportunities will be offered in the same week to students who failed the first opportunity.

Passing this test is a requirement for continued studies on the course.

This means that students who fail to obtain a Pass on any of the five test opportunities will not be allowed to continue the course.

The other components of the course are:

Teaching

Provided online through multi-media lectures covering each of the legal fields that are listed in the learning outcomes above.

Optional study visits

Throughout the course, the students will be offered opportunities to go on study visits and attend lectures at the Faculty of Law.

Self-correcting tests

Following the lectures, the students are to monitor their acquisition of knowledge through self-correcting multiple choice tests.

Application assignments

Each subject area includes problem-based questions to be answered by the students. The answers are individually marked and commented on.

Compulsory written assignments

The students are to independently complete six compulsory written assignments within time frames given by the examiner.

The submissions are individually marked and commented on.

The written assignments are included in the assessment so the submissions must be the result of the individual student's work.

All the written assignments must be passed in order for the student to be allowed to take the final written exam (see below).

Students who have failed a written assignment are entitled to another four opportunities for assessment right after the first opportunity.

Communication

The course is designed so as to provide students with good opportunities for communication with lecturers and with one another.

Lecturers' responses to student questions deemed to be of general interest will be published in a virtual classroom accessible to all participants.

Assessment

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The assessment is based on the initial test in the third week of the course (1 credit), the six written assignments (7 credits in all) and the final written exam (7 credits), which will be assessed in accordance with a differentiated grading scale. The grade for the course as a whole will be based on the grade of the final exam.

The final exam takes place in Lund. Students must have passed all the compulsory assignments to be allowed to take the final exam.

Each passed written assignment will be awarded one credit (8 in all). A Pass on the final exam will be awarded 7 credits.

The number of times that a student may take an examination for a passing grade on the course and part of the course is limited to five times for each examination / partial examination.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with Credit, Pass with Distinction

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

All qualified applicants who have applied before the application deadline will be admitted to the course.

The course may not be included in a degree of Master of Laws at Lund University.

A prerequisite for students to complete the course is that they throughout the course have access to a computer with internet connection meeting the technical requirement specified on the course web page www.jur.lu.se/ujik

Admission to the Lund University law degree programme

For admission to the Law Program at Lund University, selection criteria established by the university's admissions committee (ref. U 2023/988) and the university's admissions regulations (ref. STYR 2021/1876) apply, along with the following supplements.

In admission to the Law Program in Lund, twenty percent of the seats are reserved for participants in the course Extended Introduction to Law (JURF12) who have achieved the grade Pass with Distinction (AB). Such students will be offered a place on the law degree programme for the semester immediately following the completion of the course. If the number of students who have achieved the grade Pass with Distinction on the course exceeds twenty percent of the program's seats, those offered places will be selected by lottery within the group that has achieved this grade.

To be offered a place, the student must

- have achieved the grade Pass with Distinction (AB) at the first regular examination opportunity for the course. Results from later examination opportunities may not be invoked for admission to the Law Program.
- have applied to the law degree programme in Lund as their first choice on Antagning.se no later than the final application deadline for the semester in which the student is taking the course.

Students who have documented valid reasons for not being able to take the exam at the first opportunity and who want to be considered for admission to the law degree programme will be offered an additional exam opportunity a week after the first opportunity. If the student still has documented valid reasons for not being able to take the exam, another opportunity will be offered 7 days after the valid reason ceased to apply, but not later than 30 days after the first exam opportunity. The additional exam opportunities referred to in this paragraph are deemed equivalent to the first regular exam opportunity when used as a selection criterion for the law degree programme.

The learning outcomes to be achieved with a grade of Pass with Distinction (AB) are described in section 2 above.