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Faculty of Law

JUZN04, Introduction to Swedish Law, 15 credits

Introduction to Swedish Law, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board on 2007-09-07 and was last revised on 2012-04-10. . The revised syllabus applied from 2012-09-01. , autumn semester 2012.

General Information

The course Introduction to Swedish Law is an optional course open to students participating in international exchange programmes with the Faculty of Law. The course duration is 10 weeks of full time studies.

Language of instruction: English

Lectures and course material are in English.

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

The student shall be able to show knowledge and comprehension of

- the basic concepts in Swedish law

- the fundamental laws in Sweden
- the terminology and concept formation specific for Swedish law
- the different institutions and organizations in the Swedish administrative system

The student shall be able to show a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in reproducing the acquired information.

Competence and skills

The student shall be able to show competence to

- critically comment and analyse Swedish legal documents in a comparative perspective
- apply the conceptual apparatus related to Swedish law to specific problems
- independently perform an investigation on a self-chosen subject, thereby integrating previously learned information, analysing the materials and evaluating the solution of the posed problem, and present the result in a written essay.

Judgement and approach

The students shall be able to argue, evaluate and compare both the development and the impact of Swedish law and Swedish legislation in an international context. Also, the student is expected to show a level of proficiency, both orally and in writing, in restating, explaining and discussing the acquired information from different perspectives.

Course content

The course "Introduction to Swedish Law" is divided into three main areas of activity: ordinary lectures, group work and individual assignments. The lectures cover most areas of the Swedish legal system, such as constitutional law, private law, administrative law, criminal law and procedural law. The students are divided into groups dealing with specific items of Swedish law.

The main object is to present the special features of Swedish law, such as the protection of civil rights and some of the fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of the press and the right to access public documents.

Course design

Knowledge, comprehension and competences are attained by

- attendance at course lectures
- self-studies (course literature)
- group work on a project
- oral training in seminars
- independent work on an essay

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

Assessment

Assessment of the students will be based on the following components of the course:

- participation in a group project
- essay
- performance at the essay seminar
- an oral examination

The grade for the whole course will be awarded on the basis of the sum of points accumulated from the different components.

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.

Assessment criteria

Group work on a project

The group work must be performed in order to obtain a mark for the whole course. The group work is meant to result in a paper, to be presented and discussed in a seminar.

In order to obtain a grade of B, it is sufficient that the student has participated in the group work and in the composition of the paper. Thereby, the student will have acquired knowledge and comprehension of the basic concepts in Swedish law, the fundamental laws in Sweden, the terminology and concept formation specific for Swedish law, and the different institutions and organizations in the Swedish administrative system.

In order to obtain a grade of BA, the student shall be able to show, at the oral presentation of the project, that he has acquired good knowledge and comprehension of the basic concepts in Swedish law, the fundamental laws in Sweden, the terminology and concept formation specific for Swedish law, and the different institutions and organizations in the Swedish administrative system. Further, the student shall be able to show a certain level of oral proficiency in reproducing the acquired information.

Since the group work on a project is the students' first opportunity to reproduce and apply the previously acquired information, there is no grade of AB as regards this (first) part of the examination.

An essay

The essay examination must be passed in order to obtain a mark for the whole course.

In order to obtain a grade of B, the student shall be able to show, in the essay, ability to argue, evaluate and compare the development and impact of Swedish law and Swedish legislation in an international context. Thus, the student shall be able to show competence to apply the conceptual apparatus related to Swedish law to specific problems, and to independently perform an investigation on a self-chosen subject, thereby integrating previously acquired information, analysing the materials, evaluating the solution of the posed problem and present the result in a written essay.

Also, the student is expected to show a certain level of proficiency in writing.

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Also, the student is expected to show a very high level of proficiency in writing.

Performance at the essay seminar

This oral moment must be fulfilled in order to obtain a mark for the whole course.

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Oral examination

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Entry requirements

Prerequisites for international exchange students: relevant undergraduate studies corresponding to two years at a university level.

Further information

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this and for other unfair practice in examinations and assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Subcourses in JUZN04, Introduction to Swedish Law

Applies from H07

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