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Faculty of Science

MVEC18, Environmental Science: Law in Environmental Studies, 15 credits

Miljövetenskap: Miljörätt för miljövetare, 15 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Study programmes board, Faculty of Science on 2016-01-18 to be valid from 2016-07-01, autumn semester 2016.

General Information

The course is in the first cycle and compulsory for a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Environmental Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

The general aim of the course is to enable students to familiarise themselves with the legal systems in the environmental field.

Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the course the students shall be able to

- account for the most important provisions in Swedish environmental law
- describe the most important rules in the environmental field within EU law and other international law

- explain the basic taxonomy of law in the environmental field

Competence and skills

On completion of the course the students shall be able to

- identify relevant legal issues in the environmental field
- analyse legal problems that issues of environmental law give rise to
- find the appropriate legal provisions
- present and communicate understanding of legal texts of relevance to environmental law
- propose appropriate solutions to legal problems in environmental law
- account for and discuss in speech and writing current legal issues in the field of environmental law

Judgement and approach

On completion of the course the students shall be able to

- assess the consequences of problems of environmental law
- demonstrate an understanding of the role of environmental law in society
- identify their need of further knowledge and expertise in the area

Course content

The course covers legislation addressing land use, exploitation of natural resources and protection of the natural environment. In addition to the formal contents of legislation, the course includes study of the assignments, expertise and application of legislation of public authorities. Special attention is paid to the rules on supervision. Other topics include the interventions of municipalities, companies and individuals caused by the legislation. Moreover, the course provides an overview of damages apportioned for environmental disturbances and other sanctions in the field of environmental law. EU environmental law and key treaties in international environmental law are studied at a general level.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, project work and seminars. The project work is to be carried out in groups. The projects are presented in writing and orally at a seminar. Each group must also critically review the project of another group. Participation in project work and seminars and the teaching included is compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is based on active participation in project work and seminars and on a written exam at the end of the course.

Students who failed the first exam opportunity will be offered an additional exam opportunity soon thereafter.

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 distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the course as a whole, students must have passed the exam and the compulsory components. The final grade is based on the written exam.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have knowledge equivalent to 75 higher education credits in science.

Further information

The course may not be included in degree together with MNXN01 Environmental Law for Science Students, 15 credits, MVEC11 Environmental Law for Environmental Scientists, 15 credits, or MNXC01 Environmental Law, 15 credits.

Subcourses in MVEC18, Environmental Science: Law in Environmental Studies

Applies from H16

- 1601 Exam, 10,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1602 Project, 5,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass