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Faculty of Social Sciences

## **SOLM12, Sociology of Law: Master's (One Year) Thesis, 15 credits**

*Rättssociologi: Examensarbete för magisterexamen, 15 högskolepoäng*

**Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Division of Sociology of Law on 2017-09-12 and was last revised on 2017-09-12. The revised syllabus applies from 2017-09-12, spring semester 2018.

### **General Information**

The course is a second cycle course in Sociology of Law and constitutes the degree project for a degree of Master (60 credits) in the main field of Sociology of Law. The course is also offered as a freestanding course.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Sociology of Law

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

### **Learning outcomes**

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

On completion of the course students shall be able to demonstrate

- specialised knowledge of foundations in the theory of science, and research issues, theories and methods in the sociology of law
- specialised knowledge of national and international research findings in the sociology of law

- knowledge of scholarly communication

### **Competence and skills**

On completion of the course students shall

- independently be able to formulate and investigate issues in the sociology of law and address them by means of theory and abstract reasoning
- be able to design and carry out investigations in the sociology of law within predetermined time frames
- be able to summarise, critically review, assess and provide constructive feedback on the research processes and completed investigations of others
- be able to communicate the results of learning and investigation processes in speech and writing
- be able to monitor knowledge development in the sociology of law
- be able to use appropriate citation techniques
- possess knowledge of scholarly communication and be able to monitor knowledge development in the sociology of law

### **Judgement and approach**

On completion of the course students shall

- demonstrate a critical and scholarly approach to knowledge, learning and the core areas of the sociology of law: the norms and legal regulation of society
- be able to contribute to the group dynamics of learning and constructively form an integral part of a shared learning environment
- be able to reflect on the research process

### **Course content**

The course involves students independently designing and completing a research project within the discipline of social sciences. The student is to identify a relevant issue from within the discipline of sociology of law, select methods, collect and process empirical material, select theoretical points of departure and analyse this material and present his/her findings in written form. The degree project is carried out under the supervision of a tutor who is assigned to the student by the Division of Sociology of Law. The supervisor advises the student and gives his/her viewpoints on the planning of the project, its execution and the presentation of its findings. At the same time, however, the work is an independent project and the student is responsible for the completion of the project.

### **Course design**

The student is to formulate subject ideas in a project plan at an early stage. The completed degree project is reviewed and discussed at a seminar.

The student is entitled to supervision. The Supervisor gives advice and feedback on the degree project. The student is responsible for completing the degree project. The hours of supervision are limited to the semester in which the student first registered for the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds.

## Assessment

The assessment is primarily based on the completed degree project but to some extent on written submission in conjunction with the defence of the student's own project and on the student's critical review of other students' projects.

In connection with the course students are offered three examinations: a regular examination, a re-examination and one additional re-examination. Within one year after the course has undergone a major change or terminated, students are offered a minimum of two additional re-examinations. Thereafter, more examinations are offered but in accordance with current course content.

The degree project is to be registered in an Open Access database belonging to Lund University. Each student determines their own level of publication.

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.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results.

At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course the student must have at least a Bachelor's degree including three semesters (90 credits) of studies in sociology of law or another subject of relevance to the course, e.g. sociology, law, political science, social work, or the equivalent.

Since the course is conducted in English, an advanced language proficiency in the English language is necessary (English B).

The students must also have at least 30 second-cycle credit in sociology of law theory or the equivalent and at least 15 second-cycle credits in social science methodology and/or in the theory of science.

## **Further information**

Literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor.

## Subcourses in SOLM12, Sociology of Law: Master's (One Year) Thesis

Applies from V18

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