



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication, and IT

Programme Study Plan

Study programme in Jurisprudence with specialisation in Business or Public Law

Programme Code:	JGRVP
Approval:	The present programme study plan was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication, and IT on 14 March 2012 and is valid for students accepted to the programme the autumn semester of 2012 and later. It replaces the previous version which was approved on 5 May 2011, reg. no. FAK1 2011/87.
Programme Title:	Study programme in Jurisprudence with specialisation in Business or Public Law
ECTS credits:	180
Language of Instruction:	Swedish, with some components in English
Degree Level:	Bachelor's
Degree Type:	General
Prerequisites:	General admission requirements, plus either - field-specific eligibility A5 (Mathematics 2a or 2b or 2c, Social Science 1b or 1a1 + 1a2), or - field-specific eligibility 5 (Mathematics B and Social Science A).

General Information

The jurisprudence study programme at Karlstad University leads to a Bachelor's degree in Jurisprudence with specialisation in business law or public law. Students also gain eligibility for further studies towards a Master's degree in jurisprudence. Both specialisations offer general qualifications in contract and purchase law, insolvency law, public law, EC law, labour law and tax law. The specialisation in business law adds qualifications in market, immaterial and competition law as well as in accounting, financing and business psychology. The business law specialisation is designed to prepare students for employment in the private and public sector, for instance, in banks, insurance companies, auditing firms or in public agencies such as the consumer agency or the Inland Revenue. The public law specialisation involves further studies in administration law and family law. Students also take courses in political science and social care. The public law specialisation is designed to prepare students for state or municipal employment, for instance public agencies or non-profit organisations.

Aims and Learning Outcomes

For a Bachelor's Degree in jurisprudence students must meet the requirements stated in the Higher Education Ordinance:

Knowledge and understanding

For a degree of Bachelor students must demonstrate

- knowledge and understanding of the main field of study including knowledge of the scientific basis of the field, of appropriate methods in the field, and deeper knowledge of an area as well as insight into current research and development issues.

Skills and abilities

For a degree of Bachelor students must demonstrate

- the ability to seek, collect and critically interpret information that is relevant to a problem and to critically discuss phenomena, issues and situations,
- the ability to work independently in identifying and formulating problems and to perform tasks within specified time limits,
- the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing
- the skills required to work independently in the field of the education concerned.

Judgement and approach

For a degree of Bachelor students must demonstrate

- the ability to make appropriate judgements in the main field of study with respect to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects,
- insight into the role of science in society, and our responsibility for its use,
- the ability to identify their need of further knowledge and upgrading.

Local requirements

In addition to the general Bachelor's degree requirements, jurisprudence students at Karlstad University should be able to demonstrate:

- ability to apply juridical methods of interpretation and procedure to solve legal problems,
- ability to seek and gather legal documents independently by traditional as well as information technological methods,
- ability to argue a legal case orally and in writing,
- broad knowledge and understanding of the central juridical areas covered in the programme,
- deep knowledge of and understanding of the areas covered in the chosen specialisation,
- knowledge of written and oral process especially in administrative court,
- knowledge of the legal profession's ethical conduct and role in society,
- knowledge of the role of law in a global world, and
- knowledge of gender and human rights issues and their importance for law in modern society.

Programme Structure

The jurisprudence study programme aims to give students opportunities to acquire skills in applying the juridical method and solving juridical problems. A prerequisite for this is solid legal knowledge in the area of the chosen specialisation. A number of lectures per course serve to support knowledge acquisition while the practical knowledge is developed through problem-based learning, active seminar participation, role play and essay writing. In all the courses students develop written skills and oral presentation skills. In addition to legal ability, students should acquire an ethical approach to the legal system.

Practical training: Three weeks of practical training (4.5 ECTS cr) at a company or agency is included. The placement should preferably be linked to the chosen specialisation.

Programme Curriculum¹

Term 1

General courses:

- *Legal Systems and Legal Theory (15 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire the basics of Swedish and international legal systems and basic knowledge of the juridical method. Different perspectives of modern jurisprudence such as gender, the environment and ethnicity are also treated, and the civil and administration law are introduced.
- *Public Law 15 (ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of the Swedish constitution, public administration, municipal government and municipal law.

Term 2

General courses:

¹ Subject fields rather than course titles are specified.

- *Contract Law (15 ECTS cr.)* Students study general and specific contract law such as purchase law, real property law and tenancy right. Also treated are subcontracting, instruments of debt act and the law of agents.
- *EU-Law and International Law (7.5 ECTS cr.)* The course deals with the constitutional EU-law and the relationship between the community law and national legislation. The composition of the EU court and its function are treated along with the importance of the European convention on Swedish law and on UN conventions.
- *Company law (7.5 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of the rules pertaining to limited companies primarily but also to trading companies, limited partnerships, non-profit organisations and foundations.

Term 3

General courses:

- *Psychology (15 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire an overview of the basic theories, methods and application areas of the psychology of decision-making. The course also treats basic and well-established theories as well as new research of fundamental psychology. Factors of importance treated are personality, environment, experience, trauma, emotion, social influence, expectations and conflicts of interest.

Business law specialisation:

- *External Accounting (10 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire knowledge of the basics of company accounting. The acts pertaining to accounting and auditing are treated together with sound accounting practice.
- *Financing (5 ECTS cr.)* The course deals with company valuation and the financial markets.

Public law specialisation:

- *Political Science (7.5 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of Sweden's political system, decision-making in politically governed organisations and decision implementation.
- *Social Work and Care (7.5 ECTS cr.)* Welfare theory and socio-political models in different perspectives are studied along with the social situation of vulnerable and deprived groups.

Term 4

Business law specialisation:

- *Market and Competition Law (15 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge regarding public regulation of contractual terms and marketing in consumer contexts. Public regulation of inappropriate business competition, marketing abuse, and public procurement are also treated.

- *Immaterial law (7.5 ECTS cr.)* Copyright, patent, licence and other immaterial rights are treated.

Public law specialisation:

- *Public Law (15 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of the special administration law and municipal law with an introduction to the environmental act and social services act.
- *Family Law (7.5 ECTS cr.)* The course deals with economic family law, individual law and name law.

General courses:

- *Labour Law (7.5 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of labour regulations such as employment security, union agreement and worker participation in decision-making processes.

Term 5

- *Tax Law 15 (ECTS cr.)* Students acquire basic knowledge of Swedish taxation on income, capital and business with a special emphasis on legal problems pertaining to company and owner taxation. Also value added tax and tax procedures are treated.
- *Credit and Insolvency Law (15 ECTS cr.)* Students acquire further knowledge of material law, claims and insolvency. Bankruptcy and company reconstruction are treated as is financial crimes.

Term 6

- *Legal Theory, Method and Practice (30 ECTS cr.)* The course provides an in-depth study of standard juridical dogmatic method and of how to deal with jurisprudential problems. Students work on their degree projects. This means that they apply their legal knowledge to a problem, preferably in business or an agency and report their results in an essay with academic reference and relation to their chosen specialisation areas.

Degree Title

Degree of Bachelor of Social Science

Major: Jurisprudence

Credit Transfer

According to the Higher Education Ordinance (Ch. 6, § 12-14), students may transfer credits from previously completed university courses subject to approval. Transfer of credits for a full course, or other credits, is subject to approval by the Student Centre. Transfer of credits from a course module is subject to approval by the course examiner.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for some programme components (see course syllabi).

Additional Information

The local regulations for first and second level studies at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.