



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Law

## Syllabus

### Introduction to Law, and Jurisprudence I

<b>Course Code:</b>	JPG001
<b>Course Title:</b>	Introduction to Law, and Jurisprudence I <i>Juridisk grund och Allmän rättslära I</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
RVA (Jurisprudence)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2017-02-27, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2017 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Admission to the Law programme (JALAW)

#### Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- outline the structure, function and role of the Swedish legal system in society,
- give an account of the basics of contract law, law of sales, and family law,
- give an account of the basics of criminal law, constitutional law and administrative law,
- give an account of EC law and the importance of the European Convention to Swedish law, and
- give an account of the basics of jurisprudence.

Competence and skills

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- seek and gather legal sources by the traditional legal method as well as information technology,
- identify legal issues and problems,
- solve basic legal problems,
- argue in basic legal cases orally and in writing, and
- draw up short PMs on legal issues.

Judgement and approach

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- assess the relevance of different legal sources when solving a legal problem,
- assess the possibilities and limitations of the legal conflict solving method in modern society,
- discuss discrimination and gender theory in jurisprudence.

## **Content**

Students acquire basic knowledge of law and good understanding of the legal system and method, and are introduced to the sources of law and develop skills in the basic legal methods. Library information and methods for seeking legal material, articles and judicial decisions are provided with the help of librarians.

Students develop skills in identifying, defining and analysing legal problems at a basic level, and in arguing a legal case in speech and writing. They also learn legal interpretation, analysis and legal argumentation through various assignments and analysis of legal cases.

Students are also introduced to the central areas of law, such as civil law, contract law, law of sales and goods, and family law, and learn the basics of criminal law and administrative law, as well as EU law and the importance of the European Convention to Swedish law.

The course deals with the legal foundations of the structure of the Swedish legal system and of fundamental laws and legislation procedures, the latter areas including Swedish legal history and constitutional law. Jurisprudence is introduced and some legal theoretical perspectives, for example, an ethical approach to the legal profession. The course also deals with different perspectives of modern jurisprudence related to gender and ethnicity, for example.

A central course component is developing students' legal abilities through frequent oral and written presentations of assignments individually and in groups.

Students have the opportunity to visit one or several workplaces such as courts and law firms.

## **Reading List**

See separate document.

## **Examination**

Assessment is based on a written exam and PM-assignments which are presented and discussed at mandatory seminars. The PM assignments are assessed individually.

## **Grades**

One of the grades Pass with Distinction (AB), Pass with Some Distinction (BA), Pass (B), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

## **Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

## **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

## **Additional information**

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.