



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Law

Syllabus

Public Law

Course Code:	JPG002
Course Title:	Public Law <i>Offentlig rätt</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:

RVA (Jurisprudence)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2024-02-23, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Registered for JPG001 Introduction to Law and Jurisprudence 1, 15 ECTS credits, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

1. demonstrate thorough knowledge of the Swedish form of government and constitution,
2. demonstrate thorough knowledge of the Swedish legislation and precedence of rules,
3. demonstrate thorough knowledge of the importance of constitutional principles to the applications of law,
4. demonstrate thorough knowledge of the freedom of speech and freedom of the press act as well as of access rights and secrecy, and
5. demonstrate thorough knowledge of Swedish administrative and local government law.

Competence and skills

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

6. identify, analyse and suggest solutions to constitutional problems in law practice,
7. understand the management of an administrative case by public agencies,
8. decide when a document is public or not in an administrative case, and
9. analyse the relation between municipal autonomy and the national level standard-setting power.

Judgement and approach

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

10. adopt a constitutional perspective on legal practice,
11. demonstrate insight into the importance of human rights in the application of law,
12. demonstrate understanding of the possible conflicts involved between freedom of speech and the press and other principles worth protecting such as personal integrity, and
13. demonstrate understanding of the different duties and roles of public agencies and municipalities.

Content

The course deals with basic Swedish government and constitutional law. The foundations of the Swedish constitution and public administration are treated, as well as the constitutional freedom of the press act and rules for public access and secrecy in public agencies, and the basics of municipal autonomy and the local government law.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written exam and PM assignments completed in groups and presented and discussed in seminars. Submissions for assessment must clearly indicate individual contributions.

The examiner may decide that a student who is very close to a passing grade for a PM assignment can complete a supplementary assignment to receive a passing grade for a specific examination. If this is a possibility, the students must be informed in writing no later than the start of the course, and the examiner must specify when and how such a supplementary assignment may be permitted.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

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.