



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Law

Syllabus

EU Law and International Law

Course Code:	JPG003
Course Title:	EU Law and International Law <i>EU-rätt och internationell rätt</i>
Credits:	7.5
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 2017-05-24, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

The courses JPG001 Introduction to Law and Jurisprudence I, 15 ECTS cr and JPG002 Public Law, 15 ECTS cr.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- demonstrate good knowledge of international law and its sources,
- demonstrate good knowledge of how international law and other international laws relate to national law,
- demonstrate good knowledge of the foundations of the constitutional EU law and of the formal structure of the European Union and its institutions,
- demonstrate good knowledge of the legal sources of EU law and their application,
- demonstrate good knowledge of the composition and function of EU court
- good knowledge of the relation of EU law to national law,
- good knowledge of the European convention on human rights and its impact on Swedish law, and
- basic knowledge of the UN Charter, the UN organisation and the role of the UN in international peace and security efforts.

Competence and skills

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

- give an account of how treaties are interpreted, applied and incorporated into national law,
- give an account of and propose solutions to basic basic international law conflicts, taking into account the possibilities and restrictions of the UN system,
- identify, analyse and suggest solutions to legal problems in cases where EU law affects national law,

- seek and apply EU law source documents by using traditional sources and IT,
- identify, analyse and suggest solutions to legal problems in cases where the European convention affects national law, and
- assess and suggest solutions to legal problems in International conflicts based on international humanitarian law.

Judgement and approach

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

- assess the importance of international law to international cooperation and for peace and security,
- adopt a EU law perspective on national law application,
- assess the importance of different EU law sources, and
- assess the importance of human rights and the international humanitarian law in practical situations.

Content

The course deals with basic international law such as the foundations of public international law and its relation to national law, international humanitarian law, human right and the constitutional EU-law. A special focus is on constitutional EU law and its relation to national legislation and the composition and function of the EU Court are treated as well as the different types of cases heard in the court. Finally, the European convention and its importance to Swedish law and the role of the UN in peace and security efforts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual PM assignments, which are presented and discussed in mandatory seminars, and on a written exam.

Grades

One of the grades Pass with Distinction (AB), Pass with Some Distinction (BA), Pass (G), 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.