



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Law

Syllabus

Family Law

Course Code:	JPG009
Course Title:	Family Law <i>Familjerätt</i>
Credits:	8
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 2018-09-11, and is valid from the Spring semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Law Programme (JALAW): Completed 30 ECTS credits (semester 1) and 15 ECTS credits (semester 2)

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge of social family law,
- demonstrate knowledge of economic family law, and
- demonstrate knowledge of central legal principles of inheritance and will.

Competence and skills

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

- assess the economic result in divorce and dissolution of cohabitation,
- draw up basic family legal documents,
- express themselves orally in a coherent, logical and rhetorically structured manner with regard to the content of the presentation, and
- with reference to relevant legal sources, analyse and argue legal problems in social and economic family law as well as succession law and describe how problems can or should be solved.

Judgement and approach

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

- consider the different objectives of the economic and social family law,
- independently assess the content of family law,
- give an account of how the regulations work in the family law area, socially and economically, and
- adopt the perspective of the child's best interest in cases of legal family disputes.

Content

The course treats family and succession law in a civil law perspective and comprises three areas: 1) child and parental rights, 2) marriage and cohabitation, and 3) inheritance and will.

In terms of children and parents legal rights, the focus is on children's rights and includes their rights to a name and information of their origin, legal parenthood and issues of guardianship, residence and visitation.

The second area covers the legal aspects of marriage and divorce. The legal consequences of marriage are treated such as alimony, right to marital property and inheritance. In the area of right to marital property and estate division, a study of a married couple's property ownership in marriage is made and the provisions pertaining to division of estate are investigated and applied in the dissolution of marriage and during the marriage. Regarding cohabitation, the issues of entering into cohabitation and its dissolution, cohabitant property rights, and the property involved in cohabitation estate division are investigated. Students practise applying rules pertaining to estate division between spouses and cohabitants.

Regarding rights of succession, the prerequisites and basic principles of rights to inheritance, succession and secondary inheritance such as the legal inheritance succession, inheritance classes, reserved portion, and the scope of surviving spouse's rights and will.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is individual and is based on a written exam, PM assignments and active participation in mandatory seminars.

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.