



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Law

Syllabus

Social Law

Course Code:	JPGH01
Course Title:	Social Law <i>Socialrätt</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:
RVA (Jurisprudence)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019-09-11, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

60 ECTS completed from semesters 1-2 and 30 ECTS credits completed from semesters 3-5 of the Law Programme (JALAW) at Karlstad University, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of legal structures and institutions in the three basic areas of social law: Social services, social insurance and health care legislation,
- give an account of central EU legislation in the area of social law,
- give an account of the central legal sources in the area,
- give an account of the relevant methods and concepts in the area of social law, and

- give an account of current research issues in the area.

Competence and skills

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

- seek, identify, and use appropriate legal sources and other relevant sources of information and evaluate the relevance of the information,
- argue for both practical and theoretical solutions to social law problems in terms of different perspectives and professional roles through written and oral presentations,
- problematise social law through relating it to societal goals and problem areas, and
- process methodological and theoretical issues related to social law.

Judgement and approach

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

- critically evaluate legal sources relevant for social law, and
- independently analyse and apply legal theories and models of explanation on the area of social law covered in the course.

Content

The course is divided into two modules of 7.5 ECTS cr each that are examined separately. The modules are called Social Law I and Social Law II. Both modules cover various sets of rules in the area of social law. The course as a whole starts out from the three basic areas of social law: Social services, social insurance and health care legislation.

The course includes discussion and problematisation of centrally important legislation in the area of social law. The objectives and intentions of social legislation are explored through studying basic principles, but also through discussing EU law and its influence in the area. Legal frameworks relevant for the area, such as the Administrative Code, the Administrative Court Procedure Act, and the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act are treated in relation to their context. In addition, the course covers related legal areas such as procedural law and criminal law, and their connection to the legal framework of social law, both in terms of existing law and in terms of new research results in the area.

Theoretical and methodological issues are treated throughout the course, and the importance of gender perspectives is problematised. The area of social law is also discussed in terms of the legal principles of the welfare state and a number of basic concepts such as rule of law, legal certainty, justice, rights, and efficacy.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, exercises, and seminars. Lectures are intended to support the reading and study of course literature. The aim of exercises and seminars is for students to practice identifying, analysing, and presenting arguments about legal issues covered in the different course components. Instruction is problem-based.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Module 1 is assessed based on a written exam and oral and written assignments presented in mandatory seminars. The oral and written assignments are carried out in groups and assessed individually.

Module 2 is assessed based on an individual written take-home exam and oral and written assignments presented in mandatory seminars. The oral and written assignments are carried out in groups and assessed individually.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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 AB (Pass with Distinction), BA (Pass with Some Distinction), B (Pass), or U (Fail) 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.