



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Law

Syllabus

Children's Law

Course Code:	JPGH02
Course Title:	Children's Law <i>Barnrätt</i>
Credits:	7.5
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 2019-09-13, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

60 ECTS credits from semesters 1-2 and 30 ECTS credits from semesters 3-4 completed in the Law programme at Karlstad University (JALAW), or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of the child rights perspective and its regulation in Swedish and international legislation,
- give an account of children's legal status in a number of areas covered previously in the programme,
- give an account of legislation that is relevant for the child welfare work of the social services, and
- give an account of relevant concepts in the area and different perspectives on children and children's law.

Competence and skills

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

- identify and solve administrative law problems related to the area of children's law,
- identify and analyse administrative law problems and propose well supported and justified solutions,
- analyse the legal position of children in relation to their parents and to society at large, and
- identify the particular difficulties involved when considering the legal framework of children's law from the perspective of an underage person.

Judgement and approach

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

- analyse children's law regulations in principle and from ideological perspectives,
- discuss the regulation de lege ferenda in a constructive way,
- use the legal sources of children's law when applying the law to various professional areas directly or indirectly related to children, and
- analyse and critically evaluate knowledge in the area of children's law on the basis of different theoretical perspectives.

Content

The course aims to provide in-depth knowledge of children's legal relations in families and in society, both in terms of Swedish law and in terms of international law. Key concepts of children's law such as the best interest of the child, the child's right to be heard, and the wishes of the child are explored. The course covers for instance issues related to children's rights to parents and family, children's rights to care and welfare, and (briefly) children's rights to economic maintenance. The responsibility of society for children's welfare and education is discussed, for instance in relation to the way in which society treats young offenders. The course also covers rules concerning children's ability to act legally, for instance in matters regarding the child as a patient, the child as a consumer, and the child as a party in other types of contracts. The legal sources of children's law are studied, as well as the need for crossdisciplinary knowledge and various considerations related to the legal position of the child in relation to parents and society at large.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual proposals presented and discussed in mandatory seminars, and a written exam.

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.