



Faculty of Arts and Social Science  
Law

## Syllabus

### Commercial Law Specialization

<b>Course Code:</b>	RVAD79
<b>Course Title:</b>	Commercial Law Specialization <i>Affärsjuridik</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	30
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
RVA (Jurisprudence)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-03-14, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Admission to the Jurisprudence Master programme JAJUR

#### Learning Outcomes

Module 1 Corporate and market law, 10 ECTS cr

Knowledge and understanding

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

- describe the importance of financial instruments in the interaction between law and economy in the corporate law area and
- explain the importance of market regulations to the function of the financial market in a market economies.

Competence and skills

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

- apply limited company- and securities law to practical cases by retrieving, structuring and interpreting source material in the corporate law area,
- argue for their standpoints in current corporate law debates on the basis of the Swedish corporate law doctrine,
- make corporate assessments with regard to relevant economic and social aspects.

Judgement and approach

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

- make corporate assessments with consideration of relevant economic and societal aspects, and
- reflect on the limitations and development potentials of the legal corporate frameworks .

## Module 2 Insolvency and economic crime 10 ECTS cr

### Knowledge and understanding

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

- analyse the purpose, focus and function of the legal framework,
- describe the process of company reconstruction and bankruptcy
- define the central actors' role in the process of insolvency,
- analyse the legal problems of a complex insolvency environment,
- apply chapter 11 of the penal code on creditor crime, and
- describe the interplay between civil law and criminal law

### Competence and skills

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

- orally and in writing analyse insolvency issues at advanced level from the perspectives of the actors,
- independently retrieve and apply relevant legal sources in the legal areas,
- participate in legal political discussions on insolvency and criminal law issues.

### Judgement and approach

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

- analyse complex problems regarding current legal applications,
- critically review and assess insolvency principles and the regulations pertaining to their meanings, scope and justification, and
- reflect on the limitations and development potentials of the insolvency and criminal law framework.

## Module 3 Commercial law application, 10 ECTS cr

### Knowledge and understanding

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

- describe the connections between the different legal subject areas.

### Competence and skills

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

- identify, analyse and argue for solutions to practical commercial legal problems using standard legal methods,
- retrieve and interpret commercial source material, and
- give an account of and argue for their legal standpoints, orally and in writing.

### Judgement and approach

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

- demonstrate insight into the potentials and limitations of jurisprudence, its conflict resolution role in society,
- assess the importance of language and its limitations in commercial law, and
- make assessments in the commercial law area with consideration of relevant scientific, social, moral and ethical aspects.

## **Content**

The course comprises three modules.

### Module 1 Corporate and market law, 10 ECTS cr

The module starts with an in-depth study of the Swedish Companies Act, followed by a focus on the issues of corporate law and securities law. Instruction is a combination of mandatory lectures and discussions, exercises and examining seminars.

### Module 2 Insolvency and economic crime 10 ECTS cr

The module starts with an in-depth study of Swedish insolvency legislation, among others, the law on company reconstruction and bankruptcy. The main part of the course involves in-depth study of insolvency. Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars and field studies.

Module 3 Commercial law application, 10 ECTS cr

The module involves practical application of corporate and insolvency issues. Students study several cases. Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars in which solutions are presented and discussed.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Module 1

Assessment is based on a written exam, individual written assignments (PM), presented and discussed at mandatory seminars. Assessment of the PMs includes student performance as peer reviewer.

Module 2

Assessment is based on a written exam, and on individual PM assignments.

Module 3

Assessment is based on case assignments presented orally and in writing at mandatory seminars.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who have been awarded this grade for at least two of the three modules.

### **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.