



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT
Law

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 18 August 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2010 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: RVGA11

Civil Law I, 15 ECTS Credits

(Rättskunskap I, 15 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1N (First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

The language of instruction is Swedish but some course components may be taught in English.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements.

Major Field of Study

RVA (Jurisprudence)

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Upon completion of the course, students should have acquired:

- an understanding of the role, the structure, and the divisions of the judicial system,
- basic knowledge of civil law,
- basic knowledge of administrative law,
- knowledge of the content and judicial effects of administrative decisions,
- basic knowledge of finance and taxation law,
- basic knowledge of EU law.

Skills and abilities

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

- identify and analyse juridical problems, with special emphasis on administrative law,
- work independently in searching for and interpreting relevant juridical source material,
- understand complex juridical problems spanning over a number of different disciplines,
- tackle basic juridical problems individually and as part of a team,
- communicate with public authorities and other natural or legal persons.

Attitude and assessment abilities

Upon completion of the course, students should have acquired:

- the ability to draw conclusions and make evaluations within the scope of the subject area, taking into account relevant scientific, social, and ethical aspects,
- the ability to identify their own need of further knowledge and training,
- insight into the role of jurisprudence in society, and our responsibility for the way in which it is being used.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course gives an introduction to the Swedish legal system and its divisions, including EU law. The course will also introduce legal method, legal interpretation using various legal sources, and the basic principles of justice.

The main focus of the course is administrative law, primarily the contents and legal consequences of administrative decisions. The procedures for filing an appeal and the specific right of appeal are also studied in detail. In addition, the principle of public access to official records and the official secrets legislation are studied, as is the Personal Data Act.

The section on civil law covers civil regulations regarding, primarily, personality of laws and the law of property. This includes common contract law, commercial law, laws for real property, and corporate law. In addition, the course will cover fair trade law and market law, labour law, property law, credit law, economic aspects of family law, surety law, insolvency law, procedural law and criminal law, taxation law, and indemnity law.

In the section on taxation law, the focus is on the role of taxation in Swedish society. The course will also give a detailed account of income taxation.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is in the form of a final written examination. Students are guaranteed a minimum of two re-examination opportunities per academic year. Mandatory assignments are a part of the course.

Examination based on this syllabus can be completed up to one year after the syllabus has been replaced.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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