



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Law

# Syllabus

## Civil Law I

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| <b>Course Code:</b>                | RVGA11   |
| <b>Course Title:</b>               | Civil Law I<br><i>Rättskunskap I</i>                                 |
| <b>Credits:</b>                    | 15   |
| <b>Degree Level:</b>               | Undergraduate level  |
| <b>Progressive Specialisation:</b> | First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N) |

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

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-03-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

General admission requirements

### Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- give an account of the role, the structure, and the divisions of the judicial system,
- give a basic account of civil law,
- give a basic account of administrative law,
- give a basic account of procedural and criminal law,
- give a basic account finance and taxation law,
- give a basic account of EU law.

Competence and skills

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

- identify and analyse judicial problems in some branches of law,
- work independently in searching for and interpreting relevant judicial source material,
- identify and analyse complex judicial problems in which different jurisprudence disciplines and other disciplines interact in complicated ways,
- communicate in legal language.

Judgement and approach

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

- draw conclusions taking into account relevant scientific, social, and ethical aspects in the area of jurisprudence,
- describe the role of legal rules in society, and our responsibility for their use.

## **Content**

The course gives an introduction to the Swedish legal system and its divisions, including EU law. The specific legal method is introduced and legal interpretation using various legal sources and the basic principles of justice are treated. Constitutional law is introduced and basic freedom and rights are discussed.

The course also introduces administrative law, primarily the contents and legal consequences of administrative decisions. The procedures for filing an appeal and the principle of public access to official records and the official secrets legislation are studied.

The section on civil law covers civil regulations, primarily regarding private law and the law of property. This includes common contract law, commercial law, laws for real property, and corporate law. In addition, the course covers labour law, credit law, insolvency law, economic aspects of family law and indemnity law.

Procedural law, criminal law, and taxation law are particularly emphasised. In taxation law the focus is on the role of taxation in Swedish society, including a detailed account of income taxation. The basic principles related to procedural and criminal law in the branches of law are treated, along with examples of crime and types of crime and their sanctions.

## **Reading List**

See separate document.

## **Examination**

Assessment is based on a written exam.

## **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 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.