



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Law

Syllabus

Civil Law II

Course Code:	RVGA12
Course Title:	Civil Law II <i>Rättskunskap II</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G1F)

Major Field of Study:
RVA (Jurisprudence)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2015-02-24, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2015 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

RVGA11 Jurisprudence I, 15 ECTS cr or, RVGA01 Introduction to Commercial Law 15 ECTS cr, or RVGA02 Introduction to Commercial Law, 15 ECTS cr, or RVGA42 Real Estate with Introduction to Commercial Law 15 ECTS cr, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the basics of public law,
- independently handle simple juridical cases,
- give an account of the concept of "state governed by law" and the relationship between the demands for efficiency and the demands for legal certainty,
- give an account of the basic freedom and rights,
- give an account of government and parliament procedures,
- give an account of the foundations of EU law,
- give an account of the obligation to comply with norms in public administration compared to the private sector

Competence and skills

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

- identify and analyse judicial problems, with a focus on public law,
- independently search for and interpret legal sources,
- work on legal problems individually and as part of a team.

Judgement and approach

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

- draw conclusions and make assessments within the scope of the subject area, taking into account relevant scientific, social, and ethical aspects,
- identify their needs of further knowledge and take responsibility for their development, and
- demonstrate insight into the role of jurisprudence in society, and our responsibility for the way in which it is being used.

Content

The course centres on public law and covers the following components: constitutional law, freedom and rights, EU law, general and special administrative law, and press and freedom of speech right. In the area of constitutional law regulations pertaining to public organisation, the relation between the government and the parliament, election of the government, and courts and public authorities are treated. These statutes also regulate the power functions that rest on the parliament and the government, such as normative power, normative review, the national executive administration, and the power of control. In the area of administrative law, the common regulations for the organisation and operations of the entire public domain are treated along with the procedures of public authorities.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, exercises and seminars. A special component involves writing a memo related to one of the legal areas treated in the course, which is presented and discussed in mandatory seminars. The purpose of the memo is that students acquire a greater understanding of the jurisprudence treated in the frame of public law, get insight into interpretation of the law and the legal method and develop skills in written and oral presentations.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a final written exam and individual memo assignments presented and discussed in mandatory seminars.

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's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.