



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 10 November 2010, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: RVGA31

Commercial Law, 15 ECTS Credits
(Handelsrätt, 15 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Bachelor

Progressive Specialisation: G1F (First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Introductory commercial law RVGA02 15 ECTS or equivalent

Major Field of Study

RVA (Jurisprudence)

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge of different central types of agreement,
- give an account of common problems arising in connection with drawing up an agreement,
- demonstrate further knowledge of law on sales and agent law,
- demonstrate further knowledge and ability to discuss issues in claim law and credit law,
- demonstrate further knowledge of real right with emphasis on protecting a client's claims in the event of the joint contracting party's insolvency,
- demonstrate further knowledge and ability to discuss insolvency law, especially regarding company construction and bankruptcy,
- demonstrate broad knowledge of association law and ability to discuss issues of Swedish corporate law,
- demonstrate thorough knowledge of financial crime,
- demonstrate knowledge of and ability to discuss of accounting law issues,

Skills and abilities

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

- apply relevant methods of agreement interpretation,
- integrate knowledge and independently analyse and deal with legal phenomena, issues and situations in areas included in the course,
- argue a standpoint in a legally correct manner, orally and in writing,
- demonstrate ability quickly to grasp and understand new problems and deal with legal changes,
- demonstrate greater ability to master the judicial method,

- analyse and discuss complex judicial problems in which different areas of law and other subjects interact.

Judgement and approach

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

- author and orally present a memo in an academic manner,
- identify their need for further knowledge and take responsibility for their own knowledge development,
- demonstrate the assessment ability and approach that are appropriate to the legal rules in the course areas,
- discuss and take a stand on the ethical issues involved in a process,
- demonstrate awareness of the role of jurisprudence in society and of the individual obligation to apply it correctly.

Content and Form of Instruction

The course has a focus on commercial law. Central areas are the laws of claim, credit, insolvency, agreement, agent and association, often in connection with real right issues. Association law centres on corporate law. The course also covers the areas relating to the auditing profession, and provides an outline on different types of financial crime.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, hand-in exercise assignments, seminars, role play and a memo writing on a selected legal area. The memo is presented and discussed to the class at a mandatory seminar. The PM is a comparative analysis and is expected to reflect understanding of the legal aspects of professional auditing, of law interpretation and to give opportunity to practise oral and written presentation technique.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Examination is in the form of a final written exam. The mandatory role play and memo writing are examination components.

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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