



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Programme Study Plan

Master's Degree Programme in Jurisprudence

Programme Code	JAJUR
Programme Title	Master Programme in Jurisprudence
Specialisations	Commercial Law (AFFJ) Public Law (OFFR) Tax Law (SKAR)
Programme Approval	The programme study plan was approved by the Faculty Board of Arts and Social Sciences on 9 March 2016 and is effective from the autumn term of 2016.
Credits	60
Language of Instruction	Swedish
Degree Level	Master's
Type of Qualifications	General
Prerequisites	Upper secondary Swedish level 3 or B or Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or A or equivalent. Bachelor's Degree including 150 ECTS cr. in Jurisprudence. For all specialisations (AFFJ, OFFR, and SKAR) the following courses are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Legal Systems and Legal Theory, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGA70),

- Public Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGA72),
- Contract Law with Damage Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGA71),
- EC-Law and International Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGA73),
- Corporate Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB70),
- Labour Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB75),
- Credit and Insolvency Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB77), and
- Tax Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB76).

For the specialisation Commercial Law (AFFJ) the following courses are also required:

- Market Law with Competition Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB71), and
- Intellectual Property Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB72).

For the specialisation Public Law (OFFR) the following courses are also required:

- Administrative Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB73), and
- Family Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB74).

For the specialisation Tax Law (SKAR) the following courses are also required:

- Market Law with Competition Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB71), and
- Intellectual Property Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB72).

or

- Administrative Law, 15 ECTS cr. (RVGB73), and
- Family Law, 7.5 ECTS cr. (RVGB74).

General information

This programme builds on the Bachelor's level programme in Jurisprudence with a specialisation in Commercial Law or Public Law, 180 ECTS cr. Students specialise further in their previous specialisation area in preparation of employment in the private or public sector, e.g. banks, insurance companies, audit agencies, the civil service, municipalities, or national agencies.

Aims and Learning Outcomes

For programme completion, students must meet the national requirements for a Master's Degree (60 ECTS cr.) as well as the specific local programme requirements.

National outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Under the Higher Education Ordinance, for a Master's Degree (60 ECTS cr.) students must

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of *jurisprudence*, including a broad command of the field and deeper knowledge of selected areas, as well as insight into current research and development, and
- demonstrate deeper knowledge of the methodology in the field of *jurisprudence*.

Competence and skills

Under the Higher Education Ordinance, for a Master's Degree (60 ECTS cr.) students must

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, problems and situations, even when having access only to a limited amount of information,
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify and formulate problems and the ability to plan and carry out advanced tasks and assignments within a given deadline,
- demonstrate the ability to communicate and interact with various groups in presenting and discussing information and conclusions and the knowledge and argument on which these are based both orally and in writing, and
- demonstrate the skills required to take active part in research and development or to work in other qualified areas.

Judgement and approach

Under the Higher Education Ordinance, for a Master's Degree (60 ECTS cr.) students must

- demonstrate the ability to make appropriate judgements in field of *jurisprudence* with respect to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects, and an awareness of ethical issues in research and development,
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of scientific research, the role of science in society, and our responsibility for its use,
- demonstrate the ability to identify their own need for further knowledge and training and take responsibility for updating it.

Local outcomes

Upon completion of the jurisprudence programme, students must be able to

- adopt a proactive approach to the law as a dispute preventive instrument,
- demonstrate greater ability to argue legal issues orally and in writing,
- demonstrate deeper knowledge of the role of the law in society and in a global world, and
- demonstrate deeper knowledge of gender law as a research discipline and its importance to legal practice.

Programme Structure

The Master Programme in Jurisprudence is designed to give students opportunities to develop skills in applying the legal method and to solve legal problems, particularly regarding the application of alternative jurisprudence theories such as law and economics, the sociology of law, legal history and gender law. Students, who study individually to a great extent, acquire substantial legal theoretical knowledge in their jurisprudence specialisation and practical legal knowledge through problem-based learning, seminar activities, and essay writing. Oral and written presentation skills are practised. The programme concludes with an independent degree project of 15 ECTS cr.

Programme Curriculum

Note that programme courses may have different titles and be offered in another order than stated.

Semester 1

Students take specialisation courses in one of the following areas: Commercial Law, Public Law, Tax Law

Commercial Law

- Commercial Law Specialization 30 ECTS cr

Public Law

- Public Law Specialisation, 15 ECTS cr
- Social Law, 15 ECTS cr

Tax Law

- Tax Law II, 15 ECTS cr
- Tax Law III, 15 ECTS cr

Semester 2

Students study methodology and complete a degree project in their area of specialisation.

- Jurisprudence Perspectives in Theory and Practice, 30 ECTS cr

Degree Title

Degree of Master of Social Science (60 ECTS credits)

Major: Jurisprudence

Transfer of credits

According to the *Higher Education Ordinance* (Ch. 6, sections 6-8), students may transfer credits from previously completed university courses subject to approval of the receiving university.

Additional Information

The local regulations for first and second cycle studies at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Previous programme versions:

2012-12-13, dnr FAK1 2012/187, effective from the autumn of 2013

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