

Education plan

for

Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in European Economic Law
Magisterprogram (60 högskolepoäng) i europeisk ekonomisk rätt

60.0 Higher Education
Credits
60.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: JEELM
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Department: Department of Law

Decision

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Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Eligible candidates for admission to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Economic Law shall have:

- obtained a Swedish undergraduate degree in law with at least 180 credits, or a foreign degree in law with equivalent knowledge and at least three years of full-time studies, including at least one course in EU law or the equivalent of at least 7,5 credits,
- proof of skills in English at a level corresponding to English B/English 6 in the Swedish secondary school.

Students who have not studied English B/English 6 must submit results from either a TOEFL test: Internet (Score of 20 (scale 0-30) in written test and a total score of 90) or Paper-based (Score of 4.5 (scale 1-6) in written test and a total score of 575) or a Cambridge test (IELTS) with an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5.

Programme structure

The programme consists of one year of full-time studies (60 ECTS credits).

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Economic Law is an advanced level programme. Apart from advanced level knowledge in substantive European economic law, the education gives students a theoretical and methodological foundation for further independent research, development and other qualified work within this area of law.

The programme consists of four courses of 15 credits: three of the courses are compulsory and one is an elective specialisation course.

The initial course Advanced European Economic Law covers issues of constitutional and methodological character and imparts insights of the interplay between European constitutional law and Internal Market Law. The course aims at developing students' capacity to work with EU legal source material and interpretative methods in order to be able to analyse complex problems of European economic law.

The initial course is followed by elective specialisation courses, where students are given the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and delve deeper in one of the following areas of European economic law: EU Competition Law; The Internal Market and its Social Dimension, or EU Banking and Financial Law. In relation to the compulsory introductory course, the elective courses represent specialisation and deepening in both substantive and methodological respects.

The course Legal Methods in Research and Practice aims at further preparing students for qualified application of European economic law in both practical situations, for example dispute resolution and negotiations, and in independent research.

The programme concludes by writing an independent master thesis within a selected subject of European economic law. The subject for the master thesis is chosen by the student already during the elective courses in consultation with the program director. The work with the master thesis begins during the second term, when students, within the framework of the course Methods in Research and Practice, deepen their methodological knowledge and are given the opportunity to present method memos and drafts of their thesis at specially designed seminars.

Goals

For the Master degree, the following qualification goals apply, as established in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS, 1993:100), Appendix 2, System of Qualifications.

Knowledge and understanding

For the Master degree the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of European economic law, including both overall knowledge of the area as well as deeper understanding of certain parts of the field, as well as knowledge of current research and development work, and
- demonstrate detailed knowledge of European economic law methodology.

Proficiency and abilities

For the Master degree the student shall

- display the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and manage complex events, questions and situations even with limited information;
- display the ability to independently identify and formulate questions as well as plan and use appropriate methods to carry out detailed assignments within specified time frames;
- display the ability to clearly in oral and written format report and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for their conclusions, in dialogue with different groups; and
- display the necessary skills to participate in research and development, or to work independently in other specialised activities.

Assessment ability and approach

For the Master degree the student shall

- display the ability, within the area of European economic law, to make assessments taking into consideration relevant scholarly, social and ethical issues, as well as display awareness of ethical issues in research and development work;
- demonstrate understanding of the opportunities and limits of knowledge, its role in society, and individuals' responsibility for how it is used;
- display the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for additional scholarly development

Courses

The Master programme consists of the following courses:

- Compulsory course: Advanced Economic Law (15 ECTS);
- Elective specialisation course in European Economic Law (15 ECTS);
- Compulsory course: Legal Methods in Research and Practice (15 ECTS), and
- Master Thesis (15 ECTS).

The language of instruction is English.

Degree

Students that have completed the programme with passing grades obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in European Economic Law.

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Courses that are part of the degree that make the student eligible for this programme may not be counted for the Master degree.