

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Legal English**

**Juridisk engelska**

**15.0 Higher Education**

**Credits**

**15.0 ECTS credits**

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| <b>Course code:</b>      | JU727A  |
| <b>Valid from:</b>       | Autumn 2019   |
| <b>Date of approval:</b> | 2015-02-20  |
| <b>Changed:</b>          | 2015-02-20  |
| <b>Department</b>        | Department of Law   |
| <b>Main field:</b>       | Legal Science   |
| <b>Specialisation:</b>   | A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |

## Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law (by delegation) on 20 February 2015.

Technical revision by the Student Services on 3 May 2019.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

For access to instruction and examination, students must have passing grades on mandatory courses on the law program amounting to at least 150 credits. Exchange students admitted by the Department of Law at Stockholm University are also given access to the course.

## Course structure

| Examination code | Name          | Higher Education Credits |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 0100             | Legal English | 15                       |

## Course content

The aim of the course is to provide students with in-depth knowledge of legal English as well as an increased ability to communicate in international legal contexts, both academic and professional, in an effective manner. Furthermore, the course will provide students with the ability to critically analyze legal texts in English and to write such texts themselves, and to present and discuss legal problems in English. As a part of the course, students will also discuss the characteristics of English legal rhetorics.

## Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge and an understanding of the use of the English language in legal contexts, especially in the international legal field.
- demonstrate the ability to critically review and analyze English legal texts.
- demonstrate the ability to author legal texts in English.
- demonstrate the ability to express themselves and communicate effectively about law in English, by, among others, adapting their language to the relevant situation.

## Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. The language of instruction is English. Attendance is mandatory at all seminars and students are expected to participate actively. Active attendance means that students have prepared the assignments and are ready to participate in discussions about them. Exemption

from the attendance requirement is only granted if students have a lawful excuse. Exemptions are however not granted for the oral presentations. Only participation in the group a student is registered in counts as attendance.

### **Forms of examination**

The course is examined on the basis of active attendance at seminars, the writing of essays as well as oral presentations.

Assessment criteria for the written assignments:

- Subject and problem formulation
- Factual knowledge and insight into the subject
- Presentation
- Material and method
- Analysis and argumentation, including independence
- Conclusions, sources and formal requirements
- Language use
- Oral presentation and discussion at the seminars.

Assessment criteria for the oral presentations:

- Ability to formulate legal problems
- Ability to independently and systematically carry out an argumentation on the basis of a problem formulation, in a legally correct manner and within specified time limits
- Ability to draw legal conclusions and communicate them

The final grade in the course is based on the students' individual performances in all examined course components. In order to pass the course, students must achieve all intended learning outcomes. The grading criteria as well as permitted aids during examination are specified in the course description.

Students who receive a failing grade on a regular examination will have the opportunity to retake the examination. Students who have received a passing grade on an examination may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. A student who has failed the same examination twice is entitled to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

The final course grade is set using the following scale: Pass with Distinction (AB), Pass with Credit (BA), Pass (B) or Fail (U).

Students are entitled upon request to receive grades according to the seven-point ECTS scale. Such a request is to be made by the student prior to the examination is set out by the Department of Law. The grade according to the seven-point scale is then valid instead of the regular grade. Passing grades according to the seven-point scale are: A (Excellent), B (Very Good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) and E (Adequate). Failing grades are Fx (Inadequate) or F (Totally Inadequate).

### **Misc**

Completed course requirements are valid for two years. This also applies to students who drop the course during the early course withdrawal period.

Students have the right - for a period of two years after registration - to invoke the course requirements contained in the course syllabus applicable at the time they first registered for the course.

Entry into force

These provisions will apply as of 31 August 2015.

### **Required reading**

The course literature is approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law. Please refer to the course website for information about the required reading. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.