Department of Law

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at first level

Legal Writing and Critical Advocacy
Juridiskt skrivande och kritisk argumentation

3.5 Higher Education Credits
3.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	JU221F
Valid from:	Summer 2021
Date of approval:	2018-03-14
Changed:	2021-02-15
Department	Department of Law
Main field:	Legal Science
Specialisation:	GXX - First cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law (by delegation) on 14 March 2018. Technical revision by the Student Services on 2 May 2019.

Revised by decision of the Education Committee (del) on 15 February 2021

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

The course is intended for foreign students enrolled in an exchange programme at the Department of Law or in the Stockholm Business School Summer programme at Stockholm University

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MOM1	Legal Writing and Critical Advocacy	3.5

Course content

The course is intended for foreign students enrolled in an exchange programme at the Department of Law or in the Stockholm Business School Summer programme at Stockholm University. The course provides an overview of legal writing and critical approaches to law. The course covers different approaches to legal writing thus breaking down the whole process into different stages one has to undergo in drafting. Moreover, the emphasis will be on the discussion of how the law is being used to provide for different social arrangements and the hierarchy between them. Is the law a matter of the legality of its norms, or it is more of a social and political fact? Can a lawyer make equally plausible, albeit diametrically opposite, arguments on the exact same facts? If so, does that meant that legal norms are indeterminate? These and similar other questions will be discussed thought the course. The language of instruction is English.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
After completing the course, the student should be able to:
- Critically assess different legal texts; identify relevant legal issues and facts in different contexts.

Skills and abilities
After completing the course, the student should be able to:
- Independently argue law on a more advanced level.

Judgement and Approach
After completing the course, the student is expected to:
- Critically assess, evaluate and present different solutions for various types of legal matters in English, both orally and in writing, independently and in groups.

Education

Instruction comprises 2 weeks of full-time studies and consists of lectures and seminars. On the basis of the given course material, students will work in groups to answer questions during each seminar. Participation in 2/3 of seminars and lectures is compulsory. A more detailed description of the course content is available in the course description and course schedule.

Forms of examination

Examination is conducted through:
- Active participation in the compulsory elements of the course,
- A written examination.

The language of examination is English. All of the course's learning outcomes must be met and all activities passed in order to pass the course. The course materials students are allowed to take with during examinations are set out in the teaching syllabus.

Students who fail the regular examination are given the opportunity for re-examination. Students who have passed are not entitled to undergo re-examination for higher grades. Students who are failed twice by the same examiner have the right to demand a different examiner when doing additional re-examinations. This does not however apply if there are specific reasons for not appointing a different examiner.

The grading scale for the course is as follows: Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Completed compulsory assignments are valid for two years. This also applies in cases where a student deregisters from the course by withdrawing.

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

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Effective date
These provisions will apply as of 7 June 2021.

Required reading

Course literature is to be approved by the Head of the Department of Law. For more information about course literature, see the course's website. The reading list is to be available at least two months prior to course starts.