

Department of Law

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

The Internal Market - Digital and Social Challenges Inre marknaden - digitala och sociala utmaningar

15.0 Higher Education Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:JU674AValid from:Autumn 2019Date of approval:2019-01-28DepartmentDepartment of Law

Main field: Legal Science

Specialisation: 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 28 January 2019.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

For access to lectures and examination, the student must fulfill the general requirement for admission to elective courses through the completion of compulsory courses of at least 150 credits within the law programme.

Course structure

Examination codeName

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The Internal Market - Digital and Social Challenges

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Course content

The course addresses the legal rules and principles that govern the EU's internal market taking as its starting point the provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union regarding the free movement of goods, people, workers, services and establishments. Particular focus is out on the increasingly prominent social dimension of the internal market. The importance of EU citizenship for access to social rights as well as the development of a multi-faceted anti-discrimination policy comprises a central theme of the course. In addition to primary law, EU harmonisation legislation in the area is studied as well as other "softer" forms of cooperation, such as the social dialogue.

The aim of the course is for students to acquire thorough knowledge and the ability to critically review and analyse the substantive rules and problems that distinguish EU law and policy cooperation within this area. The student shall also obtain insight into the challenges that increased economic integration entails for Member States' different models of social security, welfare and solidarity. The course encourages critical reflection about the advantages and disadvantages of different national and supranational solutions, as well as their economic and social implications.

During the course, students are required to author and defend an essay that identifies relevant research questions.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

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

– demonstrate depth of knowledge and understanding of European social law and knowledge of the interplay between economic and social rights in the EU internal market.

Skills and abilities

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

- demonstrate an enhanced ability to use the legal method to apply social law rules and to make qualified assessments regarding social law problems,
- demonstrate the ability to systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and analyse complex social law issues, and
- within specified time limits, plan and author an essay and orally present and discuss the conclusions drawn in one's own and others' research.

Judgement and approach

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

- critically assess and evaluate complex social law issues with due regard to relevant economic and other societal issues.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, interactive seminar and teacher-led group work. Individual feedback is given on two occasions on the essay before submission.

The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

Examination is conducted through

- mandatory and active attendance at 80% of the seminars,

the writing of an essay and peer review of another student's work, a written examination.

Active attendance is mandatory at all seminars. Active attendance means that the student has prepared the assignments and is ready to participate in discussions about them.

The course director may grant a general exemption from the attendance requirement in accordance with the regulations for examinations adopted by the Faculty of Law's education committee. The attendance requirement is specified in the course description.

Exemptions are solely granted if the student has a lawful excuse, in which case the student should complete a pedagogically equivalent assignment as compensation for their absence.

The language of examination is English.

The final grade in the course is weighted as follows: 20% from the essay, 5% from the peer review and 75% from the written examination. More details about how grades are weighted are also given in the course description. Other tasks are assessed using the grades Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Assessment criteria for the essay:

- problem formulation and purpose,
- factual knowledge and insight into the subject,
- presentation and structure,
- material and method,
- analysis and argumentation, including the independence with which these are conducted,
- quality of language, utilisation of sources and other formal aspects, as well as
- the ability to complete the memorandum within the specified time limits

In order to pass the course, students must achieve all intended learning outcomes. Grading criteria and permitted aids during the 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 grading scale is as follows: Pass with distinction (AB) Pass without distinction (BA) Pass (B) or Fail (U).

Students are entitled upon request to receive grades according to the seven-point ECTS scale. The request

should be made by the student before the examination as determined by the Department of Law. The grade according to the seven-point scale is then valid instead of the regular grade. The seven-point grading scale uses the following pass grades:

A (Excellent), B (Very good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) or E (Sufficient). Failing grades are Fx (Inadequate) or F (Totally Inadequate).

A student with a certificate of special pedagogical support issued by Stockholm University has the right to alternative/accommodated forms of examination in accordance with the certificate.

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

The course requirements in effect at the time of the student's first registration on the course may be completed within two years. After two years, the course requirements included in the most recently revised syllabus will apply.

Students who have been admitted to the master's programme in European Economic Law at the Department of law, Stockholm University, and who have included the course in a previous degree are not entitled to credit the course within the framework of the master's programme.

Entry into force

These provisions will apply as of 2 September 2019.

Required reading

The course literature will be determined by the head of department. Please refer to the course website and the course description for information about the required reading. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.