

Department of Law

Syllabus

for course at advanced level
International Law and the Global Economy
Folkrätten och den globala ekonomin

15.0 Higher Education Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:JU704MValid from:Autumn 2021Date of approval:2020-06-03DepartmentDepartment of Law

Main field: Public International Law

Specialisation: A1F - Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law on 3 June 2020.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the course requires that the student is admitted to the master's programme in International Law (60 credits) at Stockholm University, and has satisfactorily completed the requirements in the programme's first course Advanced Course in Public International Law as well as the mandatory elements of the course Human Rights in a Global Perspective.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits0100International Law and the Global Economy15

Course content

The purpose of the course is to give the students an understanding of the legal principles and mechanisms governing international economic law (IEcL), with an emphasis on trade law, investment law and financing law. International economic law is also treated from an economic and political perspective and is set in the context of other areas of law, such as environmental law and human rights. The course begins with a short recap of public international law.

The course is an elective course within the master's programme in International Law (60 ECTS credits).

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- know the main features of the rules and regimes of international economic law as well as the interplay between these and other rules of international law, and
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the relation between these legal regimes and the different ideas and beliefs that influenced them.

Skills and Abilities

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

- present the results of legal analyses of complex phenomena within the subject area, both orally and in writing,

use legal methodology and terminology in the field of international economic law at an advanced level, and - demonstrate an in-depth ability to formulate analyses of the main legal rules and legal mechanisms of international economic law, in an independent and critical manner.

Judgement and Approach

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

- evaluate the main legal rules of international economic law in a historical, political and general legal context

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures, seminars and practical exercises.

As part of the LL.M. in International Law, a theoretical and practical seminar is also held. This particular seminar will focus on the study of international economic law from legal, external and critical perspectives.

Active participation at the introduction as well as exercises where oral presentations are included is mandatory. Exemptions from the attendance requirement are otherwise 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. Exemptions are however not granted for the oral presentations. Attendance at other classes is voluntary but will be credited (see below).

The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

Examination in the course is carried out through active attendance at the seminars as stated in the course description, oral and written presentations, a written examination as well as a home exam. If a written assignment or home exam is handed in after the given deadline, points will be deducted. An introductory part with a recap of public international law is assessed through a specific written examination.

Assessment criteria for the written assignments:

- Subject and problem formulation
- Factual knowledge and insight into the subject
- Presentation
- Material
- Method
- Analysis and argumentation including independence of thought
- Conclusions, sources and formal requirements
- Language

Assessment criteria for the oral presentations:

- Ability to formulate legal problems
- Ability to independently and systematically argue on the basis of the problem formulation and within a specified time limits
- Ability to draw legal conclusions and communicate them
- Ability to present problem formulation, argumentation and conclusions in a clear and interesting way

The final grade in the course is based on the total amount of points achieved by each student on each course moment. The minimum score required on each examined course moment in order to pass the entire course, together with the maximum scores achievable, are stated in the course description.

All course learning outcomes must be met in order to pass the course. The language of examination is English.

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,

The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: A (Excellent), B (Very Good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) and E (Adequate). 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.

Entry into force

These provisions will apply as of 18 January 2021.

Required reading

The course literature will be determined by the head of department. 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.