

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Transboundary Environmental Law
Gränsöverskridande miljö rätt

15.0 Higher Education
Credits
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	JU706M
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
Date of approval:	2020-06-03
Department	Department of Law
Main field:	Environmental Law
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-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 Environmental Law (60 credits) at Stockholm University.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0100	Transboundary Environmental Law	15

Course content

The course addresses environmental issues in a transboundary context, through international environmental law in particular, but also through EU environmental law, as well as other legal structures and situations (e.g. extraterritorial law enforcement). Transboundary environmental law encompasses, among others, the legal regulation and protection of human health, air, climate, water, soil, nature and biodiversity against pollution and other disturbances, as well as the legal control of chemical products and waste management. Transboundary environmental law also covers development policies, changes in legal thinking across state borders, and comparative studies of environmental law concepts and approaches. The course also examines various thematic legal issues on dispute resolution, international institutions, environmental protection and globalisation, trade, human rights, environmental liability of transnational corporations, environmental democracy, and finally sanctions, implementation and achievement of objectives.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of transboundary environmental law, including an overview of international and EU environmental law,
- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the legal structure of international and EU environmental law, and
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of how environmental law rules and processes affect and can be affected by human rights rules and other legal themes.

Skills and Abilities

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

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to apply current legal norms and processes to concrete cases and events, and
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to critically analyse and compare the legal norms, processes and regimes studied, and
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to formulate and highlight issues, problems and situations environmental law , both orally and in writing.

Judgement and Approach

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

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to critically assess and evaluate how the studied legal norms, processes and regimes relate to stated political goals, environmental discourses, and other relevant societal issues.

Education

Instruction consists of lectures and seminars. Participation in the seminars is mandatory. The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

The course is examined through active attendance at the seminars, the writing and oral presentation of a short essay, the writing of a memorandum, and a final written examination.

- The final written examination amounts to 50% of the total points for examination in the course.
- The essay amounts to 25% of the total points for examination in the course.
- The memorandum is mandatory and assessed with either Pass (G) or Fail (U), but does not give any points.
- Active attendance in at least 80% of the seminars amounts to 25% of the total points for examination in the course. Active attendance means that students have prepared the assignments and are ready to participate in discussions about them.

If the written essay is submitted after the deadline, only a maximum of half of the available points can be awarded on that specific examination.

In order to pass the course, students must achieve all intended learning outcomes.

The course director may grant a general exemption from the attendance requirement according to the regulations approved by the Faculty of Law's Education Committee. The scope of the attendance requirement is specified in the course description. An exemption can also be granted if the student has a lawful excuse, in which case the student should complete a pedagogically equivalent assignment as compensation for their absence. Exemption from attendance at the seminar where students present their own essay will not be granted.

Assessment criteria for the written and oral assignments:

- Subject and problem formulation
- Factual knowledge and insight into the subject
- Presentation
- Material and method
- Analysis and argumentation including independence of thought
- Conclusions, sources and formalities
- Language
- Oral presentation and discussion at the seminar

Grades are determined on the basis of the written examination, the essay and the attendance at seminars. 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. The final grade in the course is based on the total amount of points achieved on each course moment. Other assessment tasks are assessed using the grades Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Grading criteria and permitted aids during the examination are specified in the course description.

The language of examination is English.

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.

To pass the course, all of the course's learning outcomes must be met.

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 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.