

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law
Övergripande miljörättsliga teman

**15.0 Higher Education
Credits**
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	JU707M
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
Date of approval:	2020-06-03
Department	Department of Law
Main field:	Environmental 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 Environmental Law (60 credits) at Stockholm University, and has satisfactorily completed the requirements in the programme's first course Transboundary Environmental Law.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0100	Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law	15

Course content

The course covers, at an advanced level, four themes where environmental law is integrated with or challenged by other legal issues:

- Environmental law, trade and corporate responsibility
- Environmental law, climate and energy
- Environmental law and Human Rights
- Environmental law and social-ecological resilience

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of how environmental law rules and principles in transboundary contexts affect and are affected by rules on human rights, free trade and investment protection, and
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the legal possibilities and limitations for holding transnational corporations accountable across state borders for environmentally harmful activities.

Skills and Abilities

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

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to identify and solve advanced environmental law issues in transboundary contexts and
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to independently and in collaboration with others conduct advanced legal

investigations in the field of transboundary environmental law.

Judgement and Approach

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

- demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and assess environmental law principles, processes and concepts with respect to the protection of human rights,
- demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and assess environmental law principles, processes and concepts with respect to trade and corporate responsibility in a transboundary context,
- demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and assess environmental law principles, processes and concepts with respect to climate change and energy policy goals, and
- demonstrate in-depth ability to critically analyze and assess environmental law principles, processes and concepts in the light of research on the resilience of social-ecological systems.

Education

Instruction consists of lectures, seminars and a mock trial. Participation in seminars and the mock trial 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 an essay, participation in the mock trial, 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 mock trial 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 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 have completed both the essay and the mock trial.

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 the absence. Exemption from attendance at the seminar where students present their own essay or at the mock trial 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

Assessment criteria for the oral examinations (mock trial):

- Insight into the current scenario and assigned role
- Ability to formulate problems
- Ability to independently and systematically argue, based on given conditions.
- Ability to adapt argumentation to changing circumstances
- Ability to reflect on ongoing discussions

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).

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, 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.