Department of Law

Stockholm University

Syllabus

for course at first level

Intellectual Property and Human Rights
Immaterialrätt och mänskliga rättigheter

3.5 Higher Education Credits
3.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	JU262F
Valid from:	Summer 2023
Date of approval:	2023-02-09
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 09 February 2023.

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	Intellectual Property and Human Rights	3.5

Course content

The aim of this course is to critically reflect on the international intellectual property framework and its implications for the attainment of national human rights obligations.
It introduces the principles of three intellectual property rights, namely copyright, trademarks and patents and the key multilateral instruments from the Berne and Paris Conventions through to the TRIPS Agreement. This forms the basis for identifying various points of intersection with human rights obligations found in the UDHR and ICESCR. These will be explored in the relationships between copyright and access to educational materials, patents and access to affordable medicines, and trademarks and freedom of expression. Perspectives from various countries will be encouraged although there is emphasis on a global South/developing country perspective.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:
-describe the basic principles of copyright, trade,marks and patents
-demonstrate knowledge of the challenges associated with the intersection between intellectual property rights on human rights obligations

Skills and abilities
Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:
-identify the points of intersection between intellectual property rights and human rights
-critically reflect on the effect of intellectual property rights on the attainment of specific human rights

Judgement and approach
Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:
- articulate the points of intersection between intellectual property rights and human rights
-formulate opinions on how the balance between intellectual property right and human rights ought to be attained and present these orally and in writing.

Education

Instruction comprises 2 weeks of full-time studies and consists of lectures and seminars. During seminars, students will critically discuss course materials and / or answer problem questions.

A more detailed description of the course content is available in the course description and course schedule. The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

Examination is conducted through:
- Active participation at all teaching and
- An open book exam max 3 hours

Active attendance is mandatory at all teaching. Active attendance refers to students having prepared the assignments, if any, and being ready to participate in discussions about them. 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.

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).

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 de-register from the course through early withdrawal.

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 1 March 2023.

Required reading

The course literature is approved 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.