



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

HRS521 Shipping Law, Digitalisation and Sustainability, 15 credits

Sjörätt, digitalisering och hållbarhet, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Law on 2023-10-23 to be valid from 2024-01-15, spring semester of 2024.

Field of education: Law 100%

Department: Department of Law

Position in the educational system

The course Shipping Law, Digitalisation and Sustainability is an optional course on master's level for the completion of the Master's degree in Law. It is also open for visiting foreign students participating in international exchange programmes.

Main field of studies

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Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Students following a Swedish law programme leading up to a law degree must have passed courses adding up to 150 higher education credits from the first five semesters of the Law programme.

Visiting foreign students may be admitted to the course, after approval of the Director of Studies.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. discuss and comprehend essential convention instruments and various standard form contracts used in international sale and transportation of goods.
2. discuss and explain emerging legal concepts related to the respective roles of international organizations and industry bodies involved in international commercial shipping and trade, digital transformation in shipping and trade, and sustainable shipping and trade.

Competence and skills

3. systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and analyse questions regarding commercial shipping and trade from both international and national perspectives.
4. apply commercial and contract law principles and concepts to specific problems relating to international sale and transportation of goods and their financing and insurance aspects.
5. critically identify relevant legal and institutional challenges related to digitalisation, digital transformation and sustainability challenges in commercial shipping and trade.

Judgement and approach

6. adopt an independent, reflective, critical and nuanced approach towards legal systems within the courseareas.
7. understand the potential and possibilities of commercial shipping and trade law as well as its role in society from both national and international perspectives.

Course content

The course deals with the legal framework of international trade and transport with particular focus on sea carriage as a substantial portion of international trade is transported by sea. The course covers essential areas of commercial shipping and trade law which is comprised of both international convention regimes and domestic law. Five main subject areas covered under the course are – bills of lading and charterparties, other contracts of carriage including multimodal transport, law of marine insurance, law of international sale of goods, and trade finance law. Emerging legal issues related to digitalisation and sustainability concerns connected to commercial shipping and trade are dealt in the course in contextual detail.

Form of teaching

The course is delivered in the form of lectures and student-led seminars. A blend of in-person and online teaching is used. The course include formative as well as summative assessment. To this end students are expected to actively participate and contribute to their own and other students' learning.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Student performance is assessed by the following components:

- periodic tasks based on the content covered during a week/ module;
- oral presentations and written submissions through group work; Provkod: 0010, 1,5 hp
- individual home examination; Provkod 0011, 6 hp
- essay; Provkod 0012, 7,5 hp

A student must pass each component separately to obtain a pass grade for the course.

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance). If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment. In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed. The same applies to internships and professional placements (VFU), although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Passed with Distinction (AB), Passed with Credit (BA), Pass (B) and Fail (U).

Course evaluation

The Department of Law is obliged to evaluate the courses given. This is done by an appraisal in accordance with general instructions within the department. Each and every course appraisal is scrutinized by the board of education within the department. A student assisting in the collection of an appraisal will get remuneration according to

standard tariff. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.

Additional information

Further study directions will be given at the course introduction.