



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

JUR 3516 Law I

Programme

Bachelor in Business Law (2. year)

Responsible for the course

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

15

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

Law I is a programme course in the Bachelor's Programme in Business Law and is adapted to the learning outcome that is defined for this programme. The course is divided into four main topics that will give the students a useful introduction to the law discipline:

- Legal method and doctrine of sources of law
- Contract law
- Law of sales
- EU and EEA law

The course focuses on problem-based learning. The teaching is therefore based on both traditional lectures and seminar teaching. The students are divided into two groups for the seminar teaching. After the topic for the seminar has been presented, the students work on assignments in the groups. The assignments are reviewed afterwards in class in a plenary session.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge

The students shall be familiar with legal method, shall have gained insights into the major sources of law and have a good understanding of the structure of the Norwegian legal system. They shall be familiar with the legislative process, delegated legislation and the court system structure. On completion of the course they shall have gained an understanding of EU and EEA rules of law and their importance for Norwegian enterprises, as well as an understanding of the institutional aspects in the EU/EEA collaboration. The students shall be familiar with the rules on the conclusion of contracts, interpretation and invalidity. They shall also know the main rules for accomplishment of a sales contract as well as the regulation of breaches of such contracts.

Acquired skills

The students shall be able to identify legal problems and be able to analyse issues associated with conclusion of contracts and the law of sales. They shall be able to account for the elements in legal argumentation in general and in particular evaluate contracts and sales disputes. The students shall be able to interpret laws and contracts based on fundamental interpretation theory. They shall also be able to place the Norwegian legal system and the Norwegian rules of law in an international context.

Reflection

The students shall have developed the ability for critical reflection through practice in the use of legal methods. They shall have a conscious attitude to those assessments on which contracts and sales standards are based, and where these are linked to corporate responsibility directly or indirectly.

Prerequisites

JUR 3420 Business Law or JUR 3430 Marketing Law or equivalent course.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Boe, Erik. 2010. Grunnleggende juridisk metode : en introduksjon til rett og rettstenkning. 2. utg. Universitetsforlaget
Giertsen, Johan. 2006. Avtaler. Universitetsforlaget
Martinussen, Roald. 2012. Kjøpsrett. 6. utg. Cappelen Damm akademisk

Recommended reading

Course outline

Legal method and doctrine of sources of law

- Legal method
- Review of sources of law
- Statutory interpretation
- Solving of legal disputes and variations in sources of law

EU and EEA-law

- Main features of European Community Law and the EEA Agreement
- The institutions in the EU and the EEA
- The four civil liberties in EU and EEA law

Contract law

- Mechanisms for the signing of contracts
- Power and representation
- Interpretation and completion of contracts
- Nullity and modification

Law of sales

- The obligations of seller/buyer in relation to the sales contract
- Breach of contract due to delay
- Assessment of defective performance
- Seller's and buyer's entitlements in a breach of contract
- The rules for consumer purchases

Computer-based tools

No specified computer-based tools are required.

Learning process and workload

The duration of the course is 82 teaching hours consisting of lectures and seminars covering the four sub-courses.

The lectures are regular teaching in the auditorium. In the seminars the students are organized in study groups for discussions and solving assignments. The assignments that the students have worked on in the study groups will be reviewed in class in a plenary session. Students are required to take an active part in the seminars. Three voluntary hand-in assignments are set in the course. The students will be given a tentative grade and individual feedback on these hand-in assignments.

Activity	Use of hours
Participation in lectures	42
Participation in seminars	40
Preparations for lectures	80
Self-tuition / reading syllabus	150
Work on cases / assignments	74
Exam	6
Total recommended use of hours	400

The allocation of lecture hours and seminar hours for each sub-course is as follows:

Legal method and doctrine of sources of law

12 hours of lectures are given, followed by 10 hours of seminars.

EU and EEA law

8 hours of lectures, followed by 6 hours of seminars.

Contract law

12 hours of lectures, followed by 10 hours of seminars.

Law of sales

12 hours of lectures, followed by 12 hours of seminars.

Use of hours

90 hours altogether, with 42 hours of lectures and 48 hours of seminars.

It is also necessary to use 3 hours in the auditorium for the seminars, since these classes are organized somewhat differently, with an introduction to the assignments and then a plenary

review afterwards. The students will work in study groups for 1-1.5 hours during the seminars and the lecturers are available for questions while the students are working.

Examination

A six hour individual written exam completes the course.

Examination code(s)

JUR 35161 Written exam which accounts for 100 % of the grade in JUR 3516 Law I – 15 ECTS.

Examination support materials

The Norwegian code of laws or another compilation of laws, reprints of laws, regulations and draft laws. Inger Hamre and Fredrik Sejersted (red.): EU og EØS-relevante tekster.

Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary.

<http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

Re-sit examination

A re-sit examination is held in connection with the next scheduled exam in the course.

Additional information