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## **Programme Syllabus for the Master (Two Years) of Laws in European Business Law 120 Higher Education Credits (120 ECTS)**

### **Second level**

Programme code: JAEHA

*Mastersprogram i europeisk handelsrätt, 120 högskolepoäng (120 ECTS)*

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### ***1. Programme description***

The Master (Two Years) of Laws in European Business Law is an academic programme at the second level, offered in English and open to Swedish and foreign students with at least a three year degree in Law (Bachelor, LL.B, or equivalent).

The students have the possibility to conclude the studies after one year and obtain a degree of Master (One Year) of Laws in European Business Law – *Magisterexamen i Europeisk handelsrätt.*

The programme will provide an in-depth understanding of both practical and theoretical aspects of business law within the European Union and how the internal market operates in a global context. The students will also acquire knowledge in EU constitutional law as a necessary basis for the understanding of European business law.

A combination of compulsory courses (75 credits) and optional courses (45 credits) are offered. Students undergo oral and written examinations throughout the courses together with problem-solving tasks relevant to the learning outcomes.

The programme ranges from a basic exploration of the European Union's constitutional foundations to extensive study of topics central to the European business environment. The programme provides training in specialized areas of European law, such as free movement law, competition law, tax law, and state aid law. The courses are aligned with and related to ongoing research at the faculty and beyond. The structure of the programme also allows and promotes interdisciplinary

collaboration.

The Master's programme in European Business Law is designed for active participation.

*Relationship to the labour market and employability*

The programme provides for both basic and specialised knowledge of the European Union legal framework, which is necessary to hold for any legal job in the EU business context, including that of legal advisors or business decision makers. The programme, with its specialized options, allows students to design their own profile. This gives our students a competitive edge when applying for future positions on the labour market. The programme opens the door to employment within private practice, national/EU institutions, and legal research.

*Relationship to further studies*

The programme serves as a solid basis for further research in the field of EU law related research. The degree Master (Two Years) of European Business Law constitutes an adequate qualification for application for doctoral studies (third level studies).

## **2. Learning outcomes**

During the first year the programme is structured to allow the students to better understand the nature and implications of legal problems relevant to the study and practice of EU business law. During the second year the programme is organized so as to allow students to specialize in specific topics relevant to EU business law.

*Knowledge and understanding*

After the completion of the first year, students will be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of major legal and business-relevant concepts, as well as law and policy relating to transactions in the European single market. Here the focus is on market law, including free movement, competition, IPR, marketing legislation and basic commercial law.

After the completion of the second year, students will be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge in the areas above, as well as in European business transactions in a global environment. Here, students will specialize in specific areas of European Business law and acquire a basis for undertaking academic research in the context of EU law.

*Skills and abilities*

1<sup>st</sup> year students will be able to discuss overall trade issues at the macro-level and apply them to an analysis of everyday problems/opportunities at the practical micro-level. They will have improved their ability to work in a cross-disciplinary manner and identify, delineate and solve problems with European business settings. Further, their ability to address hands-on practical business activities and to analyse commercial contracts and other documents used in typical transactions will have increased.

2<sup>nd</sup> year students will be able, systematically and critically, to approach

international commercial transactions with an advanced understanding of legal methods and up to date knowledge of the related research in trade-law. They will be able to identify relevant international business issues and address them in an independent and timely way. They will be able to exhibit creative writing and oral presentation skills in both academic and business settings and will have improved their skills in negotiating and drafting commercial contracts.

#### *Values and attitudes*

All students of European business law must be open to and curious about cross-disciplinary work with colleagues from different cultural backgrounds and of the opposite gender. They will simultaneously perform independent research activities and take full responsibility for the development of their own knowledge. All activities must aim at assessing the legal aspects of EU integration and their impact at the national and global level in an objective, but critical manner. Students will also consider and be able to discuss social and ethical responsibilities within a commercial environment, understanding the ethical aspects of global trade within a sustainable European and international legal framework, and make personal judgments based on such reflections.

### **3. Programme structure**

The programme is divided into four terms and consists of a mixture of compulsory and optional courses.

<b>First term</b>	<b>Second term</b>	<b>Third term</b>	<b>Fourth term</b>
Compulsory 1 (12 credits)	Compulsory 5 (15 credits)	Optional courses (30 credits)	Master thesis (Degree project, 30 credits)
Compulsory 2 (3 credits)	Optional courses, (15 credits) <i>or</i>		
Compulsory 3 (12 credits)	Master thesis (Degree project, 15 credits)		
Compulsory 4 (3 credits)			
<b>30 credits</b>	<b>Cumulated 60 credits</b>	<b>Cumulated 90 credits</b>	<b>Cumulated 120 credits</b>

### **4. Course information**

#### *Compulsory courses*

1. EU Constitutional Law (1st term), 12 credits
2. Business Negotiations (1<sup>st</sup> term), 3 credits
3. Internal Market Law (1<sup>st</sup> term), 12 credits
4. Argumentation and Methodology (1<sup>st</sup> term), 3 credits
5. EU Competition Law (2<sup>nd</sup> term), 15 credits
6. Master thesis, 30 credits, (4<sup>th</sup> term) Alternatively, students taking a one

year degree: Master thesis, 15 credits, 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Each course follows a special curriculum approved by the Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board.

### *Optional courses*

The Master (Two Years) provides optional courses specialized in European business law, including intellectual property rights, state aids or tax law, and also issues related to human rights and business law.

The optional courses offered within the programme are decided each academic year by the Educational Committee of the Law Faculty Board.

Students may also attend courses at advanced level outside the programme but these must first be approved and only after validation may be included as optional courses in the Master's programme.

### *Master thesis*

The Master thesis (30 credits) constitutes one term (4<sup>th</sup> term) of independent research in a specific field of European business law. The Master thesis (15 credits) constitutes half a term (2<sup>nd</sup> term) of independent research in a specific area of European business law. The Master thesis is defended during an open seminar at the faculty.

## **5. Degree**

The Master degree is awarded according to the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100).

After completion of the two-years programme the degree awarded is Master of Laws (Two Years) in European Business Law (LL.M.) - *Juris masterexamen i Europeisk handelsrätt*.

After one year of study, students can be awarded a degree of Master of Laws (One Year) in European Business Law - *Juris magisterexamen i Europeisk handelsrätt*. In order to obtain a degree of Master (One Year) - *Magisterexamen* – students need to pass the compulsory courses 1 to 5 mentioned above, and the Master thesis (15 credits) adding up to a total of 60 credits.)

## **6. Admission requirements and selection criteria**

The programme is open to both Swedish and foreign students holding, at least, a 3 year Bachelor degree in law (Bachelor, LL.B, or equivalent).

Applicants must prove knowledge of English corresponding to English B (advanced) language proficiency.

*Selection* is based on an evaluation of the applicant's academic merits including,

but not limited to grades, references and other achievements such as work experience and publications.

### ***7. Other information***

The University views plagiarism as a serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.