



AI2605 Comparative Analysis of Real Estate Laws 7.5 credits

Komparativ fastighetsrätt

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Establishment

Course syllabus for AI2605 valid from Spring 2011

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

Second cycle

Main field of study

The Built Environment

Specific prerequisites

Admission for Master's Programme in Real Estate Development and Financial Services or a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent (180 ETCS credits), in Land/Real Estate Economics/Development, Surveying, Law, Planning or Human Geography.

Property Transactions (AI2603) or corresponding course.

Documented proficiency in English B or equivalent (TOEFL, IELTS e g).

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

At the end of the course the students are expected to be able to

- Identify and explain different views of legal theory.
- Identify and explain the main features of the legal families and how they have developed.
- Apply methods for comparisons between legal systems within the area of real property law.
- Present different legal concepts and procedures in a formal way (e.g. to perform ontological modelling with help of UML diagrams).

Course contents

The course gives an introduction to legal theory, methods for comparisons between different legal systems, and an overview of major legal systems. In legal theory the participants will discuss different view on law, such as positivism, natural law and law and economics. In comparative law focus will be given to the development of legal families and the most influential legal systems. The course also deals with how the procedures, which the law regulates, can be modelled and presented in a formalized way.

The course will include two assignments. In the first assignment the participants compare solutions to a legal problem in some legal systems from a legal point of view. The second assignment is dedicated to comparing procedures in a formal way (for example about how real property is sold in different countries) using ontology based modelling.

Equipment

The course literature will be announced at the beginning of the course.

Examination

- ÖVN1 - Exercises, 1.5 credits, grading scale: P, F
- ÖVN2 - Exercises, 2.0 credits, grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 4.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.