

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Law

Department of Law

RULES FOR EXAMINATION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

(SU FV-1980-26)

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1. Purpose and Scope

These regulations govern examinations conducted at the Department of Law, Stockholm University. They supplement the examination regulations and decisions issued by the Vice-Chancellor and published in the University Rulebook under the section “Education.”

2. Definition of Examination

Examination comprises all course components intended to assess a student's knowledge, abilities, and skills in relation to the intended learning outcomes of a course.

Examination may take various forms, including but not limited to:

- Written examinations conducted under supervised conditions (on-campus examinations);
- Take-home examinations;
- Quizzes and tests;
- Memoranda and essays;
- Compulsory teaching activities, including seminars, moot courts, mock trials, and similar exercises.

Where attendance is registered as part of an examination, the registration of attendance constitutes the award of a passing grade in respect of that component.

3. Requirements for Participation in Examinations

3.1 Special Requirements

Any special requirements that must be fulfilled in order to participate in a particular examination shall be specified in the course syllabus.

3.2 Registration for Examinations

The deadline for examination registration shall be stated in the course description and on the relevant learning platform.

Students who fail to register within the prescribed period are not entitled to sit the examination.

3.3 Attendance at Compulsory Teaching Activities

Attendance at compulsory teaching activities requires active participation.

To have attendance registered, students must:

- Have prepared adequately for the activity; and
- Be prepared to present and discuss the assigned tasks.

4. Examination Opportunities

For core courses within the Law Programme, one ordinary examination opportunity and one re-examination opportunity shall be offered each semester.

Re-examinations for courses taught during the spring semester B-period shall be held in August.

The course **Civil Law A** shall provide an additional re-examination opportunity in August.

5. Permitted Examination Aids

All examinations are individual forms of assessment and require independent work.

The same principle applies to the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI).

Unless expressly stated otherwise, all forms of communication and collaboration with other persons are prohibited during examinations.

5.1 On-Campus Written Examinations

The course description shall specify which of the following examination aid alternatives applies.

Students are responsible for acquainting themselves with the applicable rules.

Alternative 1: No Aids Permitted

No examination aids may be used.

Alternative 2: Limited Legal Materials

The following materials may be used:

- Statutory texts;
- Standard contracts;
- Generally accepted collections of rules; and
- Collections of case law.

The following are permitted within such materials:

- Notes;
- Tabs or bookmarks;
- Underlining; and
- Similar markings.

The Course Director may permit individual statutory texts to be brought in printed form.

Calculators may be used only where expressly authorized.

Students may not bring electronic devices capable of communication or internet access.

Alternative 3: Course Literature Permitted

Students may use:

- All prescribed course literature; and
- Other materials specified in the course description, including statutory texts, standard contracts, generally accepted collections of rules, and collections of case law.

The following are permitted:

- Notes;
- Tabs or bookmarks;
- Underlining; and
- Similar markings.

The Course Director may additionally permit:

- Handwritten or typed personal notes on blank sheets of paper; and

- Individual statutory texts in printed form.

Calculators may be used only where expressly authorized.

Students may not bring electronic devices capable of communication or internet access.

Alternative 4: All Aids Permitted

All aids are permitted except students' own electronic devices capable of communication and/or internet access.

5.2 Take-Home Examinations

All aids are permitted.

Clarification Regarding Tabs and Bookmarks

Under Alternatives 2 and 3, tabs and bookmarks are intended solely to assist students in navigating permitted materials, for example by indicating:

- Legislation;
- Chapters;
- Sections;
- Paragraphs; and
- Keywords.

Blank tabs and bookmarks are also permitted.

6. Exemptions from Examination Requirements

6.1 General Rule

No general exemption from examination requirements shall be granted.

Students may instead complete the examination at a later examination opportunity.

6.2 Compulsory Teaching Activities

The Course Director may grant an exemption from attendance requirements without requiring a compensatory written assignment in respect of a limited proportion of compulsory activities, normally corresponding to approximately 20 percent of the total number of seminars.

The Course Director may grant additional exemptions where the student demonstrates a valid excuse (*laga förfall*), provided that the student completes a pedagogically equivalent compensatory assignment.

Valid excuses include:

- Disruptions to public transportation;
- Illness; or
- Other unforeseen circumstances constituting a legitimate excuse.

6.3 Oral Exercises

No right to exemption exists for compulsory teaching activities designed to develop oral advocacy or presentation skills, including:

- Moot courts;
- Mock trials; and
- Similar exercises.

The same applies to activities involving oral opposition to, or defense of, an essay or memorandum.

With the permission of the Course Director, a student may instead participate in an equivalent exercise in another course group.

6.4 Written and Oral Skills

Compulsory activities intended to develop written skills may not be replaced by oral exercises, and vice versa.

Detailed requirements concerning attendance and exemptions shall be specified in the course syllabus and course description.

7. Validity of Completed Compulsory Activities

Attendance and participation requirements fulfilled in compulsory teaching activities shall remain valid for two years.

For example, a compulsory activity completed during the Autumn Semester 2026 shall remain valid through the Autumn Semester 2028.

The same rule applies to students who withdraw from a course through early deregistration.

Different rules apply to the Degree Project (Thesis) course and are specified in the applicable course syllabus.

8. Examination Following Course Discontinuation

The rules governing examination opportunities after a course has ceased to be offered are set out in the University Rulebook.

9. Transitional Provisions

These regulations shall enter into force on **31 August 2026**.

Courses commencing prior to that date shall continue to be governed by the previously applicable rules, subject to the conditions specified in the relevant course description.

10. Repeal of Earlier Regulations

Upon entry into force, these regulations shall replace the **Department Board's Rules for Examination**, adopted on **18 December 2024**.

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