

# **JUR-8009 Methodology and legal science within the international law of the sea**

## *COURSE DESCRIPTION*

### **Navn/Name:**

The name of the course is "Methodology and legal science within the international law of the sea".

### **Emnekode og emnenivå/Course code:**

JUR-8009

### **Emnetype/Course type:**

Methodology and legal science within the sphere of the law of the sea. The course is not included in the compulsory component of the PhD programme.

### **Omfang/Credits:**

The Course is 3 credits, corresponding to 75 hours of work. This includes preparations (reviewing literature and essay writing) and participation in the teaching, as well as subsequent work.

### **Forkunnskaper/Prerequisite knowledge:**

The course is designed for students who have been admitted to the doctoral programme for legal science. There is a maximum of 20 seats.

### **Faglig innhold/Content:**

The course covers methodological aspects of both legal and multi-/interdisciplinary research of relevance to doctoral research in the law of the sea.

The course will train the students on the sources of international law, their interpretation, and the relationship between formal sources of international law, such as the Law of the Sea Convention, and other normative instruments, such as the often non-legally binding decisions adopted by international organizations, like the IMO and OSPAR. Also covered are the relationship between the law of the sea and other branches of international law such as international environmental law and trade law, and the role of other disciplines in research related to the law of the sea.

The course covers topics that are of direct relevance to individual students' doctoral projects and the students should be able to refine their research questions as well as develop the analytical framework for their research projects.

## **Læringsutbytte/Learning outcome:**

### *Knowledge:*

Upon completion of the course, the student should have acquired:

- Advanced knowledge of methodology and legal science within the sphere of the law of the sea
- Advanced knowledge of the relationship between the law of the sea and other branches of international law
- Advanced knowledge of the role of other disciplines in research related to the law of the sea

*Skills and general qualifications:* After having completed the course, the student will:

- Have a widened understanding of the law of the sea as part of international law
- Identify and understand the role of other disciplines when researching the law of the sea

## **Undervisning og arbeidsform/Organization of teaching:**

This is a two-day course with obligatory attendance which requires literature studies and the writing of a draft essay in advance. The draft essay must be presented during the course. Active participation is required, meaning that all students must try to link the various subjects discussed to their own projects, and give an account of this. During the course there are lectures, essay presentations and discussions. The essay draft will be discussed during the course and must be finalized after the course and handed in on a date set by the Faculty. The essay must focus on issues that are of relevance to the themes of the course.

## **Eksamen og vurdering/Exam:**

The exam consists of producing an essay of 4000-5000 words. This is the finalized version of the draft essay presented during the course. The essay will be assessed according to prevailing rules and will be graded as either passed or failed. If the essay fails, the Faculty will arrange a re-sit exam.

## **Undervisningsspråk/Language:**

The language of instruction is English.

## **Pensum/Curriculum:**

The student shall read a minimum of 150 pages of relevant academic literature in connection with preparation for, and completion of, the teaching on the course.