Course JUS270-2-A

Economic Analysis of Law

Course offered (semester)

Autumn (Exam each semester).

Language of Instruction

English.

Aim and Content

Economic analysis of law is the most advanced methodological tool for legal policy making and structural analysis of existing and future legal institutions, and contract planning. Legal rules, codified or judge-made, and contracts are scrutinized under aspects of allocational efficiency including transaction costs, the problems of externality and risk, distributional consequences and incentive compatibility.

The course starts with an outline of the general concepts of standard micro-economic analysis and its extensions by the new institutional and behavioral economics - in their application to legal rules, private arrangements, and market organization.

We will look at five major applications:

(1) tort law, especially the law of automobile accidents,
(2) basic contract law doctrines,
(3) corporation law, including theories of the firm,
(4) advanced forms of business co-operation, such as franchising, work benches and other forms of "symbiotic arrangements",
(5) capital markets, as an example for the application of economic analysis to a central field of market regulation. This will include basic theories of corporate finance in the context of current policy debates about how best to regulate capital markets. We will also study the Efficient Capital Market Hypothesis, insider trading and the regulation of secondary trading markets.

Pre-requirements

Three years of law and/or economic studies.

Subject Overlap

100 % overlapping with JUS340. No academic overlapping with present courses at the Law Faculty in Bergen.

Teaching Methods

Lectures with slides, study of materials .

Compulsory Requirements

None.

Assessment methods

Exam each semester.

Three hours school exam. A - E for passed, F for failed.

Exam language:

- Question paper: English
- Answer paper: English

Support materials allowed during exam:

See section 3-5 of the Supplementary Regulations for Studies at the Faculty of Law at the University of Bergen.

Special regulations about dictionaries:

- According to the Regulations for Studies, one dictionary is permitted support material during the examination. Bilingual dictionaries containing for example *both* Norwegian-English and English-Norwegian are considered as one dictionary.
- Bilingual dictionaries to/from the same two languages - for example Norwegian-English/English-Norwegian - in *two* different volumes are also considered as one dictionary (irrespective of publisher or edition).
- Dictionaries as described above cannot be combined with any other types of dictionaries.
- Any kind of combination which makes up *more than* two physical volumes is forbidden.

Course Unit Evaluation

According to administrative arrangements for evaluating courses at the Law Faculty

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