

Action Plan – Folkrätt

There were no major improvement measures noted or required either in the self-evaluation document or discussion of the folkrätt courses in FOUN. That said, the Centre for International and Operational Law is always looking to improve and we have continued our drive to provide quality legal education in all courses. Our main action point is to keep doing what we are doing, only better.

Admission and throughput

Admission numbers have picked up again as expected and we had a full registration for both B level courses in VT17. We do not consider this requires any further action.

We noted in our self-evaluation that throughput compares averagely with other courses at FHS, however we also commented that underlying causes for failure to complete courses are not tracked systematically. We will explore the possibilities for following up on this by way of specific course tracking. However, we assume that the challenges in devising tools for specific course tracking and resource constraints to conduct them are not unique for courses in international law and would therefore like to suggest that such tools are being developed and administered centrally at FHS level. One aspect that such course specific tracking tools should be able to address is to survey non-completing students to establish root causes for non-completion.

Pedagogy

One of the teachers on the civilian course has completed HPED 2. The second has started, but not yet completed it, but intends to at the next session. We continue to request that this course be offered in English for those staff who have not yet mastered Swedish, however to date this has not happened.

In addition, the lack of teaching resources on the civilian program was raised in the discussion in FOUN. We have addressed this in VT17 by hiring external staff for the duration of one of the courses (Responsibility in International Law) and will again bring in external guest lecturers in HT18. As we seek to restructure our courses in the future (see below, internationalisation), this will continue to be an action point for the centre.

Research Links

We have recently undergone a complete review of the reading lists for the civilian courses and will make this a structured annual process rather than occurring on an *ad hoc* basis (although *ad hoc* changes will still occur to incorporate the latest research!).

Internationalisation

In furtherance of the FHS drive for internationalisation, the Centre is set to restructure its course offerings beginning in HT19. We are in the process of establishing an international master's program (LLM) which will be offered in English. As the domestic student base would not be able to sustain such a programme we intend to market the LLM widely with a focus on attracting international students. We intend to staff the programme partly by bringing in short-term visiting professors or on an international exchange basis as part of the research network (Network for the Law of Armed Conflict, Military Operations, Arms Control Law and (Cyber) Security Law (LACMO)).