Home assignment instructions - autumn 2014
HUMR5132-Human Rights Law in Context

Important dates

Topic to be published on: 8 December at 13:00.
Term paper submission deadline: 18 December at 13:00.

Instructions

Assignment
The paper must be typed on a computer and comply with the following requirements:

Font: Times New Roman, font size 12 and a line spacing of 1.5.

Word count: *The length of the home assignment should not exceed 5000 words*.
If the students exceed the word count, the essay will not be sent to grading. Footnotes should be included in the word count of the main text. Not included in this count: the front page (with name and title etc), summary, table of contents and references (bibliography).

Template: Students are required to use the **template** which can be found here: http://www.jus.uio.no/english/studies/studentservices/juriteket/
The template is named template-assignment, and the format is .rtf.

On the same webpage you will find the *User Guide for Microsoft Word* when writing the term paper. If you still have problems with using the template after reading the user guide, please contact *Juriteket*, (3rd floor, Domus Nova); the Law faculty's IT-service for students (information on webpage above).

Structure
Technically the paper should be as good as possible: well organized in titles and subtitles, footnotes and references. The paper should follow the following recommended structure for each question:

(1) *Table of contents*
(2) *Introduction*.
The introduction is to be placed in the beginning of the paper and should contain the following:
- Interpretation of essay question and formulation of research question, reasons you would give for formulating this/these question/s including a short explanation of the relevant background or context;
- Clarification of terms (or definitions) if necessary
- Presentation of the structure of the text (an overview of the chapters).
(3) *Methodology (optional)*.

If relevant, a discussion of methodological issues that the research question raises and how you want to address these issues, including a description of the main sources that you will use in your assignment (e.g., an overview over applicable legal standards, procedures and sources).
(4) Main text (body)
This is the section where you develop the arguments.
(5) *Conclusion*
(6) *Annex: List of references (bibliography) or use of legal style formatting with references in the footnotes.*

The use of footnotes and references in the bibliography should be consistent.

For footnotes and how to make references in the document, please see the document *Guidelines on quotations, references and bibliographies in the essays* published on the course webpage.

The term paper/assignment must be submitted electronically in Fronter.

Formal submission requirements for the assignment

Please remember to indicate:

1. Your candidate number (4 numbers) on the front page of your document. We kindly ask you *not* to indicate your name.

   How to find your candidate number: Go to Studentweb, log in, choose 'status' then 'examination'. Then you will see your candidate number next to the course code. You will find your candidate number in StudentWeb one week prior to the submission date.

2. Course code (HUMR5132)
3. Title of the mid-term paper/home assignment
4. Number of words (by f.ex. using the word count in Word)
5. Remember page numbering
6. ***Papers handed in after the deadline will not be considered.***

Submission in Fronter

The following are instructions for submitting your assignment in Fronter, before 13:00 on due date.

Note: If you are retaking the course from last year, the system will not allow you to view the 'assignment'-folder in Fronter. You then need to contact the administration some days prior to the submission date by sending an e-mail to Morten Slind Olsen: m.s.olsen@jus.uio.no.

a) **Log into Fronter** with your usual password and username: https://fronter.uio.no/
b) **Find the Fronter** room
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c) Go to the **hand-in folder**
d) Find **correct sub-folder**
- Written assignment due 18 December 13:00 (PDF-format)
- Written assignment due 18 December 13:00 (Word-format)

e) Upload two files: One word formatted file to the Word-folder + one PDF-formatted file to the pdf-folder, both with the following file name:

"Your candidate number_course code", for example; "3007_HUMR5132".

f) **Fill in the self- declaration regarding cheating** and submit it directly in Fronter, to be found in the folder *Cheating declaration.*

Note on confidentiality: After you have uploaded your Home examination paper in Fronter, the document will be strictly confidential (other students cannot view your document). Make sure that your assignment is submitted in the correct folder. If the paper is submitted outside the correct folder, other students may view it!

Rules about cheating and plagiarism.

When you take facts, thoughts, ideas, viewpoints and short or long quotations from others and use them in your own work, the sources you have used must be clearly stated. In other words you must not give the impression that others' thoughts, ideas, viewpoints and results are your own if they are not.

For example, using word-for-word or even paraphrasing the language of a UN Report without attributing the source of that language is plagiarism. Using another's idea without attributing the idea to the person who conceived it is also plagiarism.

Avoid quoting long excerpts and articles; short citations are preferred, and instead provide an evaluation of the literature that is necessary to defend your points of view. Be sure that you are familiar with the use of sources and the rules for citing/quoting from others' work when writing assignments and theses.

http://www.uio.no/english/studies/admin/examinations/cheating

UiO uses a plagiarism checking tool as one of several instruments for detecting suspicion of cheating and attempted cheating.