Term paper instructions for spring semester 2013
JUS5670 – Electronic Commerce Law
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Important dates

Topic to be published on: 2 April at 13:00
Mid-term paper submission deadline: 16 April at 13:00

Instructions

The mid-term paper
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 mid-term paper should not exceed 2000 words.

Footnotes should be included in the word count of the main text. *Not* included in the word count: the front page (with name and title etc), summary, table of contents and references (bibliography).

Please remember *to include* footnotes in word count!
See user guide below (*User Guide for Microsoft Word, page 41)*

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 of mid-term paper:
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:

(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).*

The use of footnotes and references in the bibliography should be consistent. An example of a bibliography can be found in the guidelines for writing the thesis (p. 11: *Guidelines on Quotations, References and Bibliographies* :
http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/jus/jus/PILTHESIS/dokuments/Pamphlet_thesis_2010_4.pdf

Formal requirements about the draft/paper

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 (JUS5670)
3. Title of the draft/ paper
4. Number of words (by fex using the word count in Word)
5. Remember page numbering
6. ***Papers handed in after the deadline will not be considered.***

Submission in Fronter

Fronter login: https://fronter.uio.no/

1. Submit your term paper in Fronter, before 13:00 p.m on due date. Log into Fronter with your usual password and username, and find the room *JUS5670-Assignment 2013-vår*. Go to the hand-in folder, then submit your mid-term paper in

the following sub-folder: *Mid-term paper due 16 April.*

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 Camilla Lund Syvertsen: c.l.syvertsen@jus.uio.no

After you have uploaded your mid-term paper in Fronter, the document will be strictly confidential (other students cannot view your document).

NB! Make sure that your mid-term paper is *submitted in the correct folder* in the hand-in folder in Fronter – and *not outside* the folder; otherwise other students may view it!

2.	When saving your file to be uploaded in the hand-in folder in Fronter, please use this format: 'candidate number – course code', for example: 'cand 8019 - JUS5670'. (NB! Make sure that your assignment is *submitted in the correct folder*).

3.	Remember to fill in the self- declaration regarding cheating and submit it directly in Fronter. (to be found in the folder 'Cheating declaration').

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

Read also information on the rules about Citing/quoting and referring to sources.
http://www.uio.no/english/studies/about/regulations/sources/index.html

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