



Introduction to Law

Degree in Economics
and International
Business



UNIVERSIDAD
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SYLLABUS

Subject: Introduction to Law

Title: Degree in Economics and International Business

Character: Core

Language: This course will be taught in English

Modality: In-Person and Online

Credits:6

Course:1st

Semester: Spring Semester

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1. COMPETENCIES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.1. Competencies

Basic competencies

CB1
CB2
CB3
CB4
CB5

General competencies

CG7
CG9
CG11

Specific competencies

CE5
CE7
CE11

1.2 Learning outcomes

At the end of this subject, the student must:

- Know the fundamentals of law related to the company

2. CONTENTS

2.1. Prerequisites

None.

2.2. Description

This course provides an overview of the origin of law, its sources, the main types of law, and a comparative analysis of the different legal systems existing in Europe. In addition, students are introduced to the origin, evolution, history, and sources of European Union law, enabling them to understand a legal system that is increasingly important and fundamental in contemporary society. The course combines a solid theoretical foundation with a practical, business-oriented approach focused on real-world applications.

2.3. Covered Topics

TOPIC 1. Normative regulation of social coexistence

1. The law of the strongest and the dosage of violence in human coexistence
2. Historical orders. Ten relevant examples
3. Codification and contemporary regulations
4. Idea of Law
5. The rule of law

TOPIC 2. Positive law, Natural and moral law

1. Positive law and natural law
2. Positive and moral law
3. Positive law and ethics
4. Positive law and religion
5. Conceptual recap

TOPIC 3. Legal norms

1. Regulatory creation powers and created norms
2. Law as a closed system
3. Classification of legal norms
4. The criteria for the organization of legal norms
5. Legal norms in time and space. The reform of legal norms

TOPIC 4. Legal principles

1. The polysemic meaning of legal principles and values
2. International and community legal principles
3. Constitutional legal principles
4. Ordinary legal principles
5. Aphorisms, maxims and Latin expressions

TOPIC 5. Facts, acts and legal transactions

1. Facts with legal relevance
2. Legal acts
3. Legal business
4. Contracts

TOPIC 6. Legal relationships

1. Law as a block of legal relations
2. The model of the legal relationship as a link
3. The model of the legal relationship as a legal situation
4. Unitary structure of legal relations
5. Dynamics of legal relationships

TOPIC 7. Subjective rights

1. The subjective right
2. Subjective public rights
3. The proper exercise of subjective rights
4. The abandonment of subjective rights

TOPIC 8. Legal duties

1. Legal duties
2. Contractual duties
3. Compliance with legal duties
4. Failure to comply with legal duties

<p>TOPIC 9. The application and interpretation of the Law</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective Law: real, utopian, uchronic and dystopian justice 2. The judicial function 3. The application and interpretation of legal norms 4. Legal operators <p>TOPIC 10. The unity of Law. Framing of the legal disciplines, Science, theory and philosophy of Law</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unity and diversity of the legal system 2. The division of Law into private and public positions and the framing of the different legal disciplines 3. The science, theory and philosophy of law
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2.4. Individual / Group Assignments

Each student will make a presentation (alone or in groups) on topics assigned by the professor.

2.5. Learning Activities

In-Person Learning	Hours	Attendance %
AF1 Lecture / Theoretical Foundations	45	100%
AF2 Case Studies	9	100%
AF3 Tutorial	9	100%
AF4 Individual / Group Assignments	18	0%
AF5 Online Assignments	6	50%
AF6 Extracurricular Materials	6	0%
AF7 Self Study	57	0%

Online Learning	Hours	Attendance %
AF8 Online Lecture	12	50%
AF9 Online Case Studies	12	0%
AF5 Online Assignments	48	0%
AF6 Extracurricular Materials	18	0%
AF7 Self Study	24	0%
AF10 Online Tutorial	12	100%
AF11 Individual / Group Assignments	24	50%

<p>Methodologies: In-Person: MD1, MD2, MD3, MD4 Online: MD1, MD2, MD3, MD4</p>

3. GRADING RUBRICS

3.1. Grades

Grades are calculated as follows:

- 0 - 4.9 Fail (SS)
- 5.0 - 6.9 Pass (AP)
- 7.0 - 8.9 Notable (NT)
- 9.0 - 10 Outstanding (SB)

The mention of "Matrícula de Honor" may be awarded to students who have obtained a grade equal to or greater than 9.0.

3.2. Evaluation criteria

Ordinary Session

Modality: In-Person

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
S1 Attendance and Participation	10%
S2 Individual / Group Assignments	30%
S3 Midterm Exam (On-Site)	10%
S4 Final Exam (On-Site)	50%

Modality: Online

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
S10 Participation (Forums and Supervised Activities)	10%
S2 Individual / Group Assignments	30%
S4 Final Exam (On-Site)	60%

Extraordinary Session

Modality: In-Person

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
S2 Individual / Group Assignments	30%
S4 Final Exam (On-Site)	70%

Modality: Online

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
S2 Individual / Group Assignments	30%
S4 Final Exam (On-Site)	70%

3.3. Restrictions

Minimum Grade

To be able to qualify for inclusion of the above evaluation criteria percentages in the calculation of the final grade, it is necessary to obtain at least a grade of 5.0 in the final test.

Attendance

Student who have missed more than 25% class meetings (unexcused) may be denied the right to take the final exam in the ordinary session.

Writing Standards

Special attention will be given to written assignments, as well as to exams, regarding both presentation and content in terms of grammatical and spelling aspects. Failure to meet the minimum acceptable standards may result in point deduction.

3.4. Plagiarism Warning

Nebrija University will not tolerate plagiarism under any circumstances. Reproducing content from sources other than a student's own work (the internet, books, articles, and peers' work, among others) without proper citation will be considered plagiarism.

If these practices are detected, they will be considered a serious offense, and the sanctions provided for in the Student Regulations may be applied.

4. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Required Reading

Harris, P. (2016). *An Introduction to Law* (8th ed.). Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9780521132077

Hart, H. L. A. (2012). *The Concept of Law* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.

Recommended Reading

Hames, J. B., & Ekern, Y. (2021). *Introduction to Law* (6th ed.). Pearson. ISBN-13: 9780137503896. (Mostly focused on common law)

Cooter, R., & Ulen, T. (2016). *Law and Economics* (6th ed.). Pearson Education.

Shaw, M. N. (2021). *International Law* (9th ed.). Cambridge University Press.