



Introduction to Law

Degree in Economics  
and International  
Business



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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

Subject in which general notions about the origin of law, its sources, types of law and a comparison of the various existing legal systems in Europe are offered. In addition, they will also make known notions about the origin, evolution, history and sources of Community law in order to know an increasingly important and fundamental in our society system. The idea of the subject would be based on a theoretical side and practical oriented daily business.

### 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. The Law as hermetic plenitude
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 or legal brocardos 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. Legal duties
3. Contractual duties
4. Duties for harm to another
5. Compliance with legal duties
6. Failure to comply with legal duties

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

Each student will make a presentation (alone or accompanied) on topics assigned by the teacher.

#### 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%

**Methodologies:**

**In-Person:** MD1, MD2, MD3, MD4

**Online:** MD1, MD2, MD3, MD4

### 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

#### Recommended Reading

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