

Common Law in Perspective (II)

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Department assigned to the subject: Private Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Degree in Law.

OBJECTIVES

BASIC SKILLS

CB6 Posses and acquire knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and/or appilcation of ideas, often in a research context

CB 7 Make students able to apply the knowledge acquired, and their ability to solve problems in environments that are new or little known within broader contexts (or multidisciplinary)related to their field of study.

CB8 Make the students able to integrate knowledge and face the complexity os exercisng judgement from information tha. being incomplete or limited, includes reflections over the social and ethical responsibilities linked to the application of their knowledge and judgements.

CB9 Make the students capable to communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and ultimate reasons that support those conclusions, to a public that may be specialized or non-specialized in a clear and unambiguous manner.

CB10 Make students possess the learning skills that allow them to continue studying in a way that will, to a great extent, have to be self-directed and autonomous.

GENERAL SKILLS

CG1 Understand the multidisciplinary nature of the legal order and the necessarily interdisciplinary approach to legal problems, especially from an international perspective.

CG2 To integrate, manage, identify, organize and analyze information of a legal nature.

CG3 To formulate critical judgments, evaluate them, and communicate their conclusions in a clear and orderly manner.

CG4 To evaluate the development of personal and collective actions, identifying rigorous and well-finished work, as well as mistakes, making arguments, and proposing alternative solutions to improve processes

CG5 To acknowledge the growing importance of teamwork and show initiative, creativity and sense of responsibility, maintaining a lively interest during the whole process.

CG6 To adapt and blend into different working groups, keeping fluid relationships and communication, respecting ideas and solutions proposed by others with an attitude of cooperation and tolerance, sharing responsibilities and issuing and receiving instructions.

CG7 To develop professional works in interdisciplinary and international teams, with the ability to integrate diverse contributions in diverse and multicultural legal environments, all towards a common goal.

CG8 To acquire an adequate and correct attitude at an international level, especially in the context of legal compliance and the management of conflicts of interest in the negotiation of contracts and their performance, as well as in the dispute resolution stage.

CG9 Ability to understand the advisory role in the broader transnational environment.

CG10 Ability to apply in new and multidisciplinary environments the concepts, principles, theories or models related to the globalization and internationalization of the law.

SPECIAL SKILLS

CE1 To be able to draft legal documents in Spanish and English in the context of contract negotiation, the execution of transnational transactions, as well as in international conflictual contexts.

CE6 Designing an advisory program for measures of international legal compliance, as a result of the

identification, planning, and mitigation of risks arising from the undertaking of legal affairs.

CE7 To learn the key legal concepts and institutions in other jurisdictions, especially those coming from a common law system, and their comparison and contrast with the main legal institutions of civil law.

CE8 To learn the key legal principles and institutions in Transnational Law and Public International Law, and to understand the channels through which the interests protected by the different branches of the law can be interwoven and interrelated, either through the transfer of principles or lessons learned, or through the conflict between them, and the need to achieve complex equilibria.

CE9 Capacity to understand the economic implications of legal decisions, and the financial perspective when evaluating a client or a project.

CE14 Capacity to reconcile perspectives of legal interpretation with economic and accounting perspectives to design the transactions and structures that reconcile tax optimization with the most scrupulous compliance with legality.

CE19 Capacity of critical analysis of contractual and procedural documents and legal texts with an international origin for their correct interpretation and execution.

CE20 Capacity to draw common criteria from diverse sources from different legal traditions, and to formulate proposals and positions not based on arguments of authority, but of consistency.

CE21 To advice in matters of legal compliance, or corporate law, contract law, procedural law, labour law, administrative law or tax law from the perspective of international advocacy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE SUBJECT

After taking this course the student will be able to:

- Describe the basic institutions of common law
- Explain the essential differences between the different institutions of common law against civil law
- Determining the basic principles governing transnational law and Public International Law that are linked to the transnational practice of the law
- To draw a global view of the transnational general principles that may have an impact on cross-border scenarios, and to apply them to specific situations
- To describe the organization and workings of the essential concepts of financial accounting and valuation techniques from an international perspective
- To apply the analysis of accounting information in different situations
- To design, plan, and put in practice the legal strategy according to compliance rules at an international level

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Common Law in perspective (II)

1.- Property and security. Civil law comparisons.

- a) The Law of Real Property. Estates in Land.
- b) The Law of Personal Property, and assignment.
- c) Credit and Security Rights (I). Creation (attachment and perfection) of security interests, and the role of registration.
- d) Credit and Security Rights (II). Mortgages.
- e) Credit and Security Rights (III). Charges and floating security.

2.- The Law of Trusts

- a) General aspects: origins, equity jurisdiction, equity principles.
- b) The Trustees duties, and remedies for breach of trust.
- c) Specific types of trust: business trusts, investment trusts.

3.- The Law of Tort Liability. Civil law comparisons

- a) The Law of Torts and its evolution.
- b) The Tort of Negligence.
- c) Causation.
- d) Pure economic loss and liability for false statements.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

AF1	Theory lectures
AF2	Practical lectures
AF3	Theorico-practical lectures
AF6	Group project
AF7	Individual project

METHODOLOGY

MD1: Lectures by the teacher with the support of audiovisual and computerized means in which the basic concepts of the subject shall be explained and the basic bibliography shall be recommended to complete the students knowledge.

MD2: Critical Reading of texts recommended by the teacher: newspapers articles, reports, handbooks and/or academic papers, for their discussion in class or to consolidate the knowledge on the subject.

MD3: Solving cases, problems, etc. posed by the teacher individually or in groups.

MD4: Briefing and discussion in class, moderated by the teacher, of matters related to the content of the subject, as well as practical cases.

MD5: Preparation of individual or group papers and briefings.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

SE1 participation in class

SE2 Individual or group papers elaborated during the course

SE3 Final exam

Evaluation systems	Minimum percentage (%)	Maximum percentage (%)
SE1	20%	30%
SE2	40%	50%
SE3	20%	40%

The master in International advocacy is a master's degree that is taught in person. Therefore, students are required to attend all the theoretical and practical classes that the master has programmed. A student may only be absent for no reason from a maximum of 15 per cent of the classroom hours (i.e. not the sessions or days) in each subject. In case of excused absences, the total maximum will be 25%. If the student hold an absence greater than those indicated, a "0" will be computed on the continuous evaluation rating. Likewise, the absences lower than those percentages may be taken into account when it comes to modulate downward the qualification of the continuous evaluation, especially if it includes a participation note.

In the extraordinary call the weight will be: Final examination: 60% and continuous evaluation: 40%.

% end-of-term-examination: 40

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

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