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Trade Union law

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Department assigned to the subject: Social and Private International Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Introduction to Social Law

OBJECTIVES

- The student will obtain theoretical and practical knowledge about the industrial relations.
- The student will end up understanding how important is this subject in connection with the other subjects in this Degree.
- The student will acquire several skills to find legislation, collective agreements, case law and bibliography.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Lesson 1. Collective autonomy and labour relationships system

- 1. Collective autonomy: concept and structural elements
- 2. The three-dimensional structure of the collective autonomy in the Spanish Constitution: The right to freedom of association; the right to collective bargaining; the right to strike and collective actions

Lesson 2. The freedom of association

- 1. Freedom of association as a fundamental right
- 2. Subjective scope of the right to freedom of association.
- 3. The content of the right to freedom of association.
- 4. The right to freedom of association protection

Lesson 3. Legal regime of trade unions

- 1. Creation of a the trade union.
- 2. Internal functioning elements and financial support.
- 3. The trade union liability.

Lesson 4. The most representativeness

- 1. The most representative unions: general concept, selection criteria and preferential status
- 2. The most representative employers; organisations

Lesson 5. Workers; representation and collective action in the workplace

- 1. The ¿dual channel¿ system of employee representation.
- 2. Employee-elected representatives: personnel delegate and works council.
- 3. The election of the employee representatives
- 4. Union representatives: union section and union delegate.
- 5. Functions, facilities and legal protection of the representatives.
- The right of assembly in the workplace.

Lesson 6. The collective bargaining

- Constitutional and legal recognition of the collective bargaining: meaning and scope
- Subject scope and content of the right to the collective bargaining.

- 3. Types of collective agreements.
- 4. The choice of the bargaining unit. The collective bargaining structure and the coordination of different bargaining levels.
- 5. The collective agreement content.

Lesson 7. The general efficacy collective bargaining dynamic: negotiating, validity and administration of the collective agreement.

- 1. Bargaining agents: capacity and legitimacy.
- 2. The procedural requirements of the negotiation. The duty of negotiating.
- Formalities and legality control: the challenging of a formal collective agreement.
- 4. The validity of the collective agreement.
- 5. The administration of the collective agreement.
- 6. Adherence and extension of the collective agreement.

Lesson 8. Collective disputes.

- Concept and types of employment disputes. Constitutional regulation of the collective disputes.
- The manifestation of collective disputes by workers and by employers.

Lesson 9. The strike.

- Constitutional recognition of the right to strike: subjective scope and content.
- 2. The right to strike exercise.
- 3. The prohibition of replacing strikers by the employer.
- 4. Functional limitation to the right to strike: Security and maintenance services.
- 6. Types of strike. Illegal strikes and unfair strikes.
- 7. The strike effects.

Lesson 10. The strike in essential services.

- Limits to the right of strike exercise in essential services: constitutional foundation.
- The concept of essential services.
- 3. Determination of the minimum service.
- 4. The breach of the minimum service and its effects.

Lesson 11. The employer lockout.

- 1. The lockout: concept and conditions.
- 2. The lockout in Spain: constitutional doctrine.
- Reasons for lockout.
- Lockout procedure and effects.
- Lockout and essential services.

Lesson 12. Alternative dispute solutions

- 1. Concept and types. External and autonomous solutions.
- 2. Non-judicial dispute resolutions: conciliation, mediation and arbitration.
- 3. Non-judicial dispute resolutions in the Spanish labour law. Particularly, the fifth Agreement on Independent Labour Dispute Resolution (ASAC V).

Lesson 13. Collective autonomy and Public Function.

- 1. The freedom of association and the right to strike of the public servants.
- 2. The public servants representation: organisation and functions.
- 3. The collective bargaining in the Public Function: bargaining agents; structure, content and negotiation procedure; types of agreements and effects.
- 4. The strike in de Public Function

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures.
- Readings on the various issues and sentences addressed in the program under study.
- Resolution of practical exercises individually, and discussion in class.
- Workshops in groups, in class under the supervisión of the teacher.

Office hours or videocinference: by appointment or during the hours established by the teacher at the beginning of the semester. The teacher can also assist the student by email.

There will be at least a collective tutoring.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Continuous assessment (4 ECTS)
- * Resolving practical exercises
- * Participation in debates in class, and in practical sessions
- * Workshops
- Written final exam about basic questions (2 ECTS).

For those students who do not pass the continuous assessment, there will be a theoretical and practical exam in First (Ordinary), equals than 60% of final grade.

For those who do not pass the First (Ordinary) Session, there will be a theoretical and practical exam in Second (Extraordinary) Session, equals than 100% of final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 50

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

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