Electricity sector law

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Department assigned to the subject: Public State Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 5.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop the basic capacity of legal advice from national and international points of view in the context of the electricity sector.

2. Able to identify conflicts of interest and learn the techniques for its resolution in the electricity sector.

3. Know and apply in practice the organizational, management and business environment of the activities of the electricity sector.

4. Understand and evaluate the various responsibilities related to the exercise of a professional activity in the electricity sector.

5. Acquire training and self-learning capacity to adapt to the legal, technological and organizational innovations in the electricity sector.

6. Develop a high level of specific technical knowledge of the national and international regulatory framework in matters affecting the electricity sector.

7. Learn to identify the decisive provision and organization requirements for legal advice in the electricity sector.

8. Know and identify public and private national and international relevant agencies in the electricity sector.

9. Aware of the need for protection of consumers and users in the electricity sector.

10. Develop a knowledge of real professional activity in the electricity sector.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Electricity sector. Definition and basic rules. Distribution of competences.
2. Economic overview to the electricity sector. Economic and environmental sustanaibality.
3. Electricity supply. Security of supply and protection of vulnerable consumers.
4. Wholesale electricity market.
5. Generation of electricity from renewables sources. Decarbonisation of the generation of electricity.
6. Unbundling and acquisition of holdings.
7. Tariffs.
8. Electric networks retribution and settlement procedures of electricity transmission and distribution costs
9.Retail market.
10. Authorisation procedures.
11.Third-party access to the system Dispute settlement procedure.
12. Penalties in electricity sector.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Individual work to the study of theoretical and practical materials produced and provided by the professor.
Theoretical and practical classes.
Tutorials.
Group work.
Use of Artificial Intelligence tools selectively allowed in this subject. The faculty may indicate a list of works and exercises that the student can perform using AI tools, specifying how they should be used, and how the student should describe the use made of them. If the use of AI by the student gives rise to academic fraud by falsifying the results of an exam or work required to accredit academic performance, the provisions of the Regulation of the University Carlos III of Madrid of partial development of the Law 3/2022, of February 24th, of University Coexistence will be applied.

EDUCATIONAL METHODOLOGIES

-Master class with audiovisual and computer support.
-Critical reading of texts recommended by the course teacher: press articles, reports, manuals and academic articles.
-Resolution of case studies, problems, individually or in a group.
-Presentation and discussion in class of issues related to the content of the matter, as well as case studies
-Development work and reports, made individually or in a group
-Reading of theoretical and practical educational materials produced and provided by the professor in the virtual educational platform.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	50

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION

1. Participation in class. Will be valued in particular the relevance of interventions, as well as the approach of original questions or that they will expand the object of theoretical or practical explanation.
Class participation will mean 15% of the total evaluation (30% of continuous evaluation).

2. Case studies. It will be assessed, in particular, the resolution of the case studies in response to the arguments used, their relevance and legal adequacy, the correct preparation of the opinions or legal conclusions and their defense both oral and written.
Case studies constitute the 10% of the total evaluation (20% of continuous evaluation)

3. Individual work. It will focus on specific aspects of the agenda. Its extension shall not exceed 15 pages in Arial 10. It will be assessed the use of acts, jurisprudence and bibliography of the subject, the correct quotation of sources being very relevant.
Individual work constitutes the 25% of the total evaluation (50% of continuous evaluation)

FINAL EXAM

It consists of two parts.
1. Theoretical part, test-multiple choice (20 questions with four options, only one true), in which the knowledge acquired in the course will be assessed.
2. Practical part. Resolution of a case study similar to those made in class. The evaluation criteria will be the same.
Each part will have equal weight percentage (25%) in the assessment of the final exam. For the overcoming of the test it will be needed to ascertain at least eight of the theoretical questions.

The assessment in the extraordinary call would be under the same requirements than in the ordinary one.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Santiago Muñoz Machado (Dir). Derecho de la regulación económica. Vol 3. Tomo 2 (Sector energético), Iustel, 2010