RTU Course "Business Law"

02C60 Rīgas Biznesa skola

General data

Code	BS0055
Course title	Business Law
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice
Responsible instructor	Jānis Grēviņš
Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part6.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Abstract	The study course provides an insight into the basic legal principles that govern business transactions in a market economy and how these principles are applied in Latvian conditions. The study course covers the following topics: agreements, the law on business organizations, including agencies, general partnerships, and joint-stock companies; debtor-creditor relationships, such as credit obligations, secured transactions, and bankruptcy; commercial documents, including negotiable securities and title deeds. At the end of the study course, environmental legislation and the basic principles of business-related criminal law are examined.
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	The aim of the study course is to provide master's students with an understanding of the main legal principles governing business, determining the legal framework for relations with business partners, public authorities, dispute resolution and protection of skills and human resources. The task of the study course is to teach to distinguish different areas of business law, evaluate each situation and determine the direction of the main necessary activities.
Structure and tasks of independent studies	Students accomplish research work individual, analyze cases, discuss appropriate situations and prepare reports.
Recommended literature	Obligātā/Obligatory: Agency and Partnership: Examples and Explanations by Daniel S. Kleinberger, 1995, 721 p. Business Law: The Ethical, Global, and E-Commerce Environment 17th Edition by Arlen Langvardt, A. James Barnes, Jamie Darin Prenkert, Martin A. McCrory, Joshua Perry, 2018, 1648 p. The Complete Guide to Buying a Business by Fred Steingold, 2005, 441 p. Papildu/Additional: Business Law Today by Gaylord Jentz and Roger LeRoy Miller, 1988, 1106 p.
Course prerequisites	Bachelor degree.

Course contents

Content	Full- and part-time intramural studies		Part time extramural studies	
	Contact Hours	Indep. work	Contact Hours	Indep. work
Working effectively with your (inhouse / external) counsel and other legal professions.	8	4	0	0
Corporate governance and main rules of company operation.	10	9	0	0
Dispute resolution venues and strategies.	9	9	0	0
Contract Law.	8	5	0	0
Employment law and regulation of the European Union and Latvia.	5	9	0	0
Intellectual property law.	10	10	0	0
Business expansion regulation – mergers and acquisitions.	9	10	0	0
Business in difficulty – legal solutions.	4	5	0	0
Lobbying and law-making.	10	9	0	0
Competition regulation.	7	10	0	0
Total:	80	80	0	0

Learning outcomes and assessment

Learning outcomes	Learning outcomes assessment methods and assessment criteria
Is able to differentiate between different areas of company law.	Presentations, work in lectures.
Is able to make a prima facie assessment of each situation.	Final exam, work in lectures.
Is able to assess the main required direction of activity	Homework, final exam, work in lectures.
Orients in intellectual property laws.	Homework, final exam.
Understands the regulations for business expansion - mergers and acquisitions.	Homework, final exam.

Course tests

Tests	% of final assessment
Work in lectures	20
Homework	30

Final exam	40
Presentations	10
Total:	100

Course planning

Part	Semester			CP	Academic hours			Tests		
	Autumn	Spring	Summer		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work
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