

DIPLOMA IN EUROPEAN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Module Description INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Total contact hours	45
ECTS	5 (6 UC credits)
Taught by	Prof. Dr. Sonia Martín Santisteban –Coordinator- Prof. Dr. Julio Álvarez Rubio –Coordinator- Prof. D. Eugenia Fernández Fernández
Learning goals related to	<p>Technical Competence:</p> <p>The purpose of this course is, on one hand, to provide students with a broad understanding of the European civil law legal system.: their historical background, sources of law and major legal institutions. On the other hand, the course will approach to the regulation of economical activities in the European Union such as competitive rules for the market or the increasing consumer protection policies</p> <p>Methodological Competence:</p> <p>In the first part of the course students will be introduced in some detail to the dominant legal tradition in Europe: the civil law tradition. The comparative method will be used to focus upon a range of specific topics. The main emphasis will be upon areas of private law, but some public law themes will also be covered</p> <p>Social Competence:</p> <p>All students are expected to attend and actively participate in class meetings and specific seminars. Students are asked to form small groups and prepare presentations on specific topics during the course.</p> <p>Personal Skills:</p> <p>Students are introduced to the comparative methods and should be able, by the end of the course, to evaluate the significance of perceived similarities and dissimilarities between different legal systems.</p>
Content	<p>Programme</p> <p>Chapter 1: The civil legal tradition: 1) History, culture and distribution; 2) Legal structures; 3) Legal actors; 4) Division of Law; 5) Sources of Law</p> <p>Chapter 2: The European Union: 1) Founding and Expansion; 2) Institutions; 3) Sources of Law; 4) Harmonization: why, when, how? Harmonization of Contract Law</p> <p>Chapter 3: Competitive regulation in the European Union</p> <p>Chapter 4: Publicity regulation in the European Union</p> <p>Chapter 5: European company law</p> <p>Chapter 6: E-commerce and consumer protection in the European Union</p>

Teaching material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core Texts: Mary Ann Glendon; Michael W. Gordon and Pablo G. Carozza: Comparative Legal Traditions, (West Group, 1999) ▪ Additional Material: Judicial decisions will be used to illustrate the theoretical contents. Students will receive access to a specific software package situated in the European Documentation Center (Laws Faculty) to provide them decisions from the European Court and community laws. Links to on-line legal articles will be provided
Teaching methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The class will consist of lectures and discussions on the basic material coupled with examples and case studies. ▪ Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and ideas and work with others to explore new ways of thinking. The module will be conducted using a mixture of lectures; small group activities; practical exercises, case studies, facilitated discussions and oral presentations.
Assessment	<p>The final examination consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student's presentations - Group work activities

Workload	Contact hours:	45
	Preparation and follow up of lectures:	45
	Student's paper:	15
	Presentations:	20
International aspects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Content, use of international examples and teaching material. 	
Cross-cultural reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants of international origin. 	
Course language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English 	
Integration of business partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In class discussions led by the instructor, you can post questions, seek clarification, and interact with your fellow international students and the instructor. 	
Particularities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This course is recommended for students of social sciences. Previous experience with laws is recommended but not required. 	