

Introduction to Legal Studies - 293NLAWK462B Spring, 2018

Lecturers:	
Department:	Business and Management – International Study Programs
Office hours:	By mutual arrangement
Availability:	
Course type:	core
Prerequisites:	Ability to write and speak in English
Credits:	6
Level	Bachelor
Number of sessions per semester	43 (14 lectures, 1 exam, 28 seminars)
Time of class:	
Venue:	

Aims and objectives and description of the course:

The lectures will be devoted to current and often occurring legal topics and will try to render experience how to conclude good civil law contracts. Students will also have the possibility to raise their own questions, law cases or other current legal issues.

Intended learning outcomes:

With the completion of the course basic knowledge of the following issues should be acquired:

- legal reasoning and the legal profession
- main characteristics of the European and Anglo-Saxon legal systems
- typical contracts of the everyday life
- types and characteristics of business organizations
- product liability issues
- basic knowledge of employment issues

Course description

The course deals with the legal system as the set of principles and standards of conduct, as well as the law as a ruling system governing the society and having general application for it.

Main topics of the course are the basic problems of legal reasoning as the characteristics of Law. During the course we will examine the law as a system of norms, accompanied by state sanctions, the process of lawmaking, the legal sources, legal norms, legal relationships, the court system, the institutional court, the hierarchy of norms, the role of the constitution.

The Contract Law part includes explication of the offer and the acceptance; the consideration; the parties to the Contract and the major contractual rights and obligations. The Corporation Law part covers the business organization types, formation and management questions.

Labour Law issues shall be dealt with in the course for all management issues. This will include: employment contract and management liability.

Class attendance:

Class attendance is mandatory. **Participation in lectures** is an important part of the process and understanding of the subject, and tutors have the right to make a so-called 'positive attendance sheet'. Based on the 'positive attendance sheet' the tutor can give **up to 5% extra points** beyond all the points obtainable for the final grade. **Attendance of the seminars is compulsory.** The acceptable level of absence is $\frac{1}{4}$ of all lessons (i.e. 3 seminars). **In exceptional cases** (hospital treatment, permanent illness) provided that the total absence is less than 50%, the tutor can (if he/she so decides) give an opportunity for supplement. *Study and Examination Regulations – 21§ (3) and (5)*

Simple doctor's certificates will not be accepted. If the student has exceeded the maximally allowed number of absences, only verifiable, official hospital- or treatment center documentation proving hospital treatment or permanent illness shall be accepted.

Students whose absence from the seminars exceeds the maximally allowed 3 occasions (partial seminar attendance is counted as absence), will be given a "not signed" (aláírás megtagadva) grade. Students receiving the "not signed" grade will not have the option of taking either the final or any of the retake examinations, but shall have to retake the course in a subsequent semester.

Students who in any way disrupt a class (lecture or seminar) will be warned once. If the student's disruptive behavior continues after the first warning, the tutor has the right to send the student out of the room and note that the student has been absent from the given class.

Cheating, plagiarism

Any attempt at cheating or plagiarism in quizzes, assignments or at examinations shall result in an automatic "F" (fail) grade and the student will not be able to take either the final examination or the retake examinations, but shall have to retake the course in a subsequent semester.

Examinations and retake examinations

In keeping with the Corvinus Study and Examination Regulations, a total of 3 examination opportunities shall be offered (except for the CIEE courses where – in keeping with the American Educational Regulations only a single examination opportunity will be given, or the elective courses where professors can decide to offer only 2 opportunities). All examinations will be comprehensive (covering the whole semester's material.) The examinations will be spaced out during the official examination period, although the first examination (taking into consideration the foreign exchange students) will be held during the first week of the final examination period. Students returning home prior to the end of the official examination period do so at their own risk as no special consideration shall be given in such cases.)

Students must sign up for exams through the Students Information System (Neptun) The chosen exams may be modified not later than 24 hours prior to its start. Examinations held on Mondays are exceptions, since exams on Mondays must be signed up for no later than 72 hours prior to the start. (*Study and Examination Regulations 22.§ 2.*) Students not signed up for a given examination will not be allowed to take it.

Students signed up for a given exam but failing to take it will be given a “not present” (“nem jelent meg”) grade. While such a grade will not decrease the total number of times they can attempt the examination, it will result in a special administrative fee.

Methodology to be used:

The teaching is based primarily on lectures, which will be completed by case discussions and also seminar debates.

Detailed class schedule, 1st – 15th week:

<u>Date of class</u>	<u>Topics to be discussed, readings required for the class</u>
Week 1	Law, Legal Reasoning, and the Legal Profession
Week 2	Dispute Settlement
Week 3	The Nature and Origins of Contracts
Week 4	Creating a Contract: Offers, Acceptances, Consideration
Week 5	Capacity to Contract; Voluntary Consent ; Illegality; Third Parties’ Contractual Rights
Week 6	Holiday
Week 7	Midterm exam ; Performance and Remedies
Week 8	Warranties and Product liability
Week 9	Spring Break Week
Week 10	Employment Laws and Agency, Principals and Third Parties
Week 11	Law of Business Organizations: Which Form of Business Organization? Formation and Termination of Corporations; Business Ethics and CSR
Week 12	Holiday
Week 13	Property Law Personal Property and Bailments; Real Property, Landlord and tenant
Week 14	The basics of EU Law (to be indicated later on)
Week 15	Final Exam
Week 16	Make-up exam (if applicable)

Assignments:

Midterm exam and final exam.

Assessment, grading:

The final and the midterm exam in will be held in a written form. For the exams (including the midterm exam) the knowledge of the lectures and the given parts of the books is needed.

Grading policy

Final exam:	60%
Midterm exam:	30%
Seminar participation	10 %

According to academic regulations, students may miss a maximum of 25% of the classes. After having missed 25% of the classes, the professors have the right to give the student an “F”, “1” or an “N” grade

Grading will be done in keeping with the ISP’s grading regulations.

Compulsory readings:

- A. Lucy Jones: Introduction to Business Law: 1st. ed. Oxford University Press, ISBN 978-0-19-928971-4.
- B. Any other materials indicated during the seminars.

Recommended readings:

A.J. Barnes, T.M. Dworkin, E. Richards: Law for Business (11th ed. 2011, The McGraw- -Hill Companies, ISBN 13: 978-0073377711).

<i>Percentage achieved</i>	<i>Hungarian Grade</i>	<i>Explanation for the Hungarian grade</i>	<i>International Grade</i>
97-100	5	Excellent	A+
94-96	5	Excellent	A
90-93	5	Excellent	A-
87-89	5	Excellent	B+
84-86	4	Good	B
80-83	4	Good	B-
77-79	4	Good	C+
74-76	3	Satisfactory	C
70-73	3	Satisfactory	C-
67-69	3	Satisfactory	D+
64-66	2	Pass	D
60-63	2	Pass	D-
0-59	1	Fail	F
Nem jelent meg	DNA	Did not attend (no credit)	
Nem vizsgázott	I	Incomplete (no credit)	
Aláírva	S	Signed (no credit)	
Megtagadva	R	Refused (no credit)	