UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Eu Business Law

2627-1-F7704M017

Learning objectives

The course seeks to provide participants with in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of the institutions, rules and principles of European Busines Law, with specific regard to European Company Law: General Principles of Company Law and Uniform Company Law.

The objectives of the course are:
1- to study the birth and development of of European Busines Law;
2- to offer a theoretical and practical introduction to the main legal issues arising from Uniform Company Law, with specific regard to European legal entities;
3- to develop critical skills for objective analysis of European policy issues pertaining to business law and of its interactions with other sectors of the European economic system;
4- to provide students with the academic skills required to analyze the activities of companies in EU's Single Market.

The introduction to the course will focus on the relevant aspects - for EU business law - of the evolution of the European integration process; the sources of European Union law; legislative and non-legislative EU acts; the role, functions and functioning of the main European institutions; the four fundamental freedoms in European company law.

Subsequently, company law will be studied, taking specifically into account: general principles of company law,uniform company law and European legal entitites and business combination.

Contents

European Business Law is a course held in English, designed for students of marketing and global markets as well as for Erasmus and International students visiting University of Milano Bicocca, School of Economy.

The course aims to give an insight on the European business law system with a specific focus on Company Law and the role of companies in EU's single market, with a focus on the different European legal entities.

Students are required to be familiar with basic EU law elements and company law principles. Every student is quested to demonstrate sufficient ability in communicating in English on legal themes.

Detailed program

1 - Historical introduction of European law and European business law
2 - EU institutions
3 - Legislation and jurisdiction of the EU
4 - The four fundamental freedoms in European company law
5 - General principles of European company law
6 - Uniform company law and the European legal entities
7 - Regulations and directives
8 - Business combinations

Prerequisites

It is strongly recommended to have attended the course of European Union Law

Teaching methods

Frontal lecture in class.

Assessment methods

For students attending 75% of the lecutures there will be the chance to present and debate with the teacher a presentation/paper on a specific topic analyzed during the course.

Students falling outside that category: oral exam consisting in three open-ended questions.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

"European Business Law", (eds.) Stefano A. Cerrato and Luciano M. Quattrocchio, Giappichelli, Torino, 2026

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  Part I - chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4
  Part II - chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4

Semester

Second Semester.

Teaching language

English

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS