2020/2021

Law and Technology in Labour Relations

Code: 105068
ECTS Credits: 6

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The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

**Use of Languages**

- Principal working language: catalan (cat)
- Some groups entirely in English: No
- Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
- Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

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**Prerequisites**

It is recommended to have passed the subject Constitutional Law beforehand.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The right to data protection is perhaps the most relevant right related to information and communication technologies (ICTs), along with the right to privacy and freedom of expression. In labour law, a large number of personal information about the professional life of the workers are collected, such as degrees, positions and compensation, as well as other personal aspects such as family life, marital status, DNI and name of children, among others. In addition, sensitive information about trade union affiliation, usually serving to discount the union quota, and health data such as casualties and illnesses, are often also stored. This allows you to create a personal profile that deserves to be protected.

This course aims at describing the general principles applicable to legal problems related to fundamental rights at workplace, as well as possible protective measures and their effectiveness. The common situations of risk for the fundamental rights are:

- Selection processes
- Business controls, with biometric technology, monitoring and video surveillance
- Interception of communications and navigation on the Internet
- Sensitive data

The question to answer in this course is none other than the level of real protection of the fundamental rights of workers in the company. Possible solutions will often be regulatory, but we will occasionally mention other complementary options, such as Privacy Enhancing Technologies.

**Competences**

- Applying the information and communication technologies to the different areas of action.
- Clearly expressing ideas or facts in a compelling way.
• Identify the foundations of the main legal and organisational areas in the field of human work.
• Identifying, analysing and solving complex problems and situations from an (economic, historical, legal, psychological, and sociological) interdisciplinary perspective.
• Properly analysing the specific situations of reconciliation of work and family life, and implementing the corresponding regulations.
• Self-motivating by undertaking specific training programs to acquire new knowledge.
• Students must be capable of deciding, sharply taking decisions and judging.
• Students must be effective in a changing environment and when facing new tasks, responsibilities or people.
• Working autonomously.
• Working effectively in teams.

Learning Outcomes

1. Applying the information and communication technologies to the different areas of action.
2. Clearly expressing ideas or facts in a compelling way.
4. Knowing the foundations of the legal areas of industrial relations in the specific scenario of new technologies and freedom of speech and information.
5. Knowing the foundations of the legal areas of industrial relations in the specific scenario of new technologies and labour market.
6. Knowing the mechanisms that must be applied in every situation.
7. Self-motivating by undertaking specific training programs to acquire new knowledge.
8. Students must be capable of deciding, sharply taking decisions and judging.
9. Students must be effective in a changing environment and when facing new tasks, responsibilities or people.
10. Working autonomously.
11. Working effectively in teams.

Content

UNIT 1. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES


UNIT 2. UNION FREEDOM AND THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Right of the unions to use the electronic mail of the company. Conditions and restrictions.

UNIT 3. THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA OF THE WORKER

Databases in the company. Union fees and medical data.

UNIT 4. RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN THE COMPANY

Video surveillance, Control of navigation. RFID tags, biometric access and location monitoring.

UNIT 5. SECRET OF COMMUNICATIONS AT WORK

The control of the worker's email. Professional and personal mail. Reasonable use and collective agreements.

UNIT 6. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AT WORK

Critics within the company. Critics in social networks.

UNIT 7. DISCRIMINATION DUE TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Selection process and at work
Methodology

Time

Monday 8h30 to 11h45

There will be a break of 15 minutes at 10a.m.

Attendance to class is not compulsory

Classroom activated on the virtual Campus

Continuous Evaluation

3 exercises in class, on materials indicated on the virtual campus. The materials may be brought into practice. They will be corrected and will be returned (50% of the total).

Intermediate examl about a sentence of the first units, which has not been seen in class. You can take the materials to the partial (see date on the virtual campus, 25% of the final grade)

Final Exam

Final exam about a sentence of any topic, which has not been addressed before. The materials can be brought to the final exam (see academic calendar, 25% of the final grade)

Reevaluation

View dates on the virtual campus

Activities

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Assessment

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Bibliography

GENERAL REFERENCES


CONCRETE REFERENCES

(Also jurisprudential and doctrinal materials will be indicated on time in each subject on the virtual campus).

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