Economic Criminal Law and Commercial Litigation Practice

Code: 43000
ECTS Credits: 9

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.

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Use of Languages
Principal working language: spanish (spa)

Other comments on languages
Tot i que l'assignatura s'imparteix en castellà no hi ha obstacle a la participació en anglès per part de l'alumnat.

Teachers
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Prerequisites
No special requirements, except to have a basic knowledge of Criminal Law and commercial law.

Objectives and Contextualisation
To offer specific skills on the subject matter of special interest for the business world.

Competences
- Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
- Integrate knowledge of the law and of negotiation to make judgments in the business context.
- Seek out information in the scientific literature using appropriate channels, and use this information to formulate and contextualise a research topic in business law.
- Seek out, interpret and apply legal provisions related to tax, employment or penal matters within corporate activity, and any others in which a legal solution is needed for situations arising in the business context.
- Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
- Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.
- Work in a team to create synergies in the workplace, in a coordinated, cooperative fashion.
Learning Outcomes

1. Describe theoretical and practical aspects of legal procedures on matters of business.
2. Identify the different elements of economic criminal law in order to analyse issues of criminal responsibility within companies, applicable penalties and the main crimes committed.
3. Integrate knowledge and use it to make judgements in complex situations, with incomplete information, while keeping in mind social and ethical responsibilities.
4. Interrelate legal principles and negotiation techniques to assess cases of economic criminal law and commercial law procedures.
5. Seek out information in the scientific literature using appropriate channels, and use this information to formulate and contextualise a research topic in business law.
6. Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
7. Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.
8. Work in a team to create synergies in the workplace, in a coordinated, cooperative fashion.

Content

Regarding the Criminal Law contents, the course will focus on the specific offences, legal conditions for criminal liability, and criminal sanctions.

1. General topic.
2. Property crimes v. economic crimes.
3. Tax evasion.
5. Money laundering.

As for the commercial and procedural contents, some of the procedures of interest for the sector will be analysed, such as the proceedings on small debts, the bill of exchange, unfair competition, illicit advertising, general conditions of contracting, precautionary measures and execution, among others.

Subject 1. The protection of commercial credit: order for payment and exchange proceedings. Non-bankruptcy claims and bankruptcy proceedings.

1. The order for payment "technique
2. In particular, the order for payment procedure in the business sphere.
3. Securities: recalling the concept and the parties involved
4. Exchange proceedings: direct action and return action
5. Declaratory proceedings and insolvency proceedings

Subject 2. The protection of the company's position in the market and the rights of shareholders: competition, standing and problems of proof in some commercial proceedings: unfair competition, unlawful advertising, challenging company agreements and liability actions against directors.

1. Unfair competition and unlawful advertising.
2. Company secrets
   1. Challenging company resolutions
   2. Directors' liability

Subject 3. Precautionary protection in commercial proceedings.

1. Purpose and characteristics of precautionary measures.
1. Procedure
2. Speciality and cases in the commercial sphere.

Subject 4. Enforcement protection: in particular, pecuniary enforcement.

1. Enforcement. General ideas
2. In particular, pecuniary enforcement
3. Investigation of assets

If there is any change on the scheduled program it will be communicate at the beginning of the sessions.

Methodology

Regarding the subject of Economic Criminal Law:

a) for the preparation of each session, the student must previously read the material recommended for this purpose, which will be available on the virtual campus.

b) The classes:

- will begin with a synthetic exposition of the subject by the lecturer.

- During the presentation, or at the end of it, the doubts on the subject treated will be clarified.

- The solution of specific case studies will then be discussed.

- The last half hour of class will be devoted to conducting a short test (via virtual campus / questionnaires) to check and evaluate the knowledge acquired during the session, and will be discussed below.

c) During the course, each student must solve a case study, which must be submitted before March 16, and will be discussed in class on March 17 and 23.

When it comes to Commercial Litigation Practice, the professor in charge of each online group will plan the beginning of the course for the theoretical sessions and the most practical sessions on the development of discussion seminars and resolution of practical cases.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

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**Assessment**

The final mark will be awarded according to the following criteria in *Economic Criminal Law*:

**Exam (50%)**: March 24

Test: 20 questions, with 4 possible answers, only one correct, without penalty for incorrect or unanswered questions.

**Continuous assessment (50%)**

a) course test (30%): each session
b) case study (20%): deadline March 16
c) class participation (possible plus 5%)

Interventions carried out by the students throughout the classes can lead to an increase in the grade by up to 5%, in the event that they manifest a control of the subject that deserves its reflection in the course grade.

In *Commercial Litigation Practice*, the evaluation of the subject will be carried out on the basis of a development exam that may consist of solving practical cases and/or answering questions on program subjects, according to the criteria of evaluation of the docent guide.

**Common points for the evaluation and reevaluation of both subjects:**

Once the evaluation has been communicated, a review may be requested so that the Professor explains to the student the applied criteria (art. 114.3 UAB academic regulations), without prejudice to the student's rights to challenge the grade.

The date of the final exam of the subject is scheduled in the exam calendar of the Faculty.

The scheduling of the evaluation tests cannot be modified, unless there is an exceptional and duly justified reason why an evaluation act cannot be carried out. In this case, the people responsible for the degrees, after consulting the teachers and the affected students, will propose a new schedule within the corresponding school period (art. 115.1 Calendar of evaluation activities, UAB Academic Regulations).

To pass the course, the student must have participated in the three evaluation activities and have obtained at least a 3.5 in the final exam. To take the final exam, it is necessary to prove attendance to 90% of the classes.

Only the reevaluation of the test is possible (50%). The continuous assessment activities cannot be reevaluated, since their meaning is to check the knowledge progressively acquired throughout the course, notwithstanding that in case of illness or other eventualities an alternative solution may be found for the specifically affected student.

To retake the exam, student must have obtained at least a 3 in each of the three evaluation activities. Students who take the reevaluation exam may obtain a maximum grade of 7 in the subject.

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Bibliography

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Software

The subject does not require any specific software.