

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33781**Name:** Introduction to Law: Landscape, Urban Planning and the Environment**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1318 - Degree in Geography and the Environment	Facultat de Geografia i Història	2	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1318 - Degree in Geography and the Environment	Introduction to Law: Landscape, Urban Planning and the Environment	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course focuses on the analysis, both from a theoretical and practical perspective, of the main legal instruments and techniques of land management and environmental protection.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

No prior knowledge is required

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES**1318 - Degree in Geography and the Environment**



Be able to communicate effectively with non-experts.

Be able to learn independently and show creativity, initiative and entrepreneurship. Be able to resolve unforeseen situations.

Be able to produce statistical information. Know how to use statistical software.

Be able to work independently.

Be able to work in interdisciplinary teams.

Have capacity for analysis and synthesis.

Have oral and written communication skills in one's own language and in a foreign language.

Show commitment to the values of gender equality, interculturality, equal opportunities, universal access for people with disabilities, the culture of peace, democratic values and solidarity.

Show motivation for quality, responsibility and intellectual honesty.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Public powers and sources of Law (I)

FIRST LESSON. THE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC POWERS

I.- INNER POWERS. 1. The State. 2. The Autonomous Communities. 3 The Local Administrations. II CONFUSION BETWEEN AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES. III.- THE EUROPEAN UNION.

2. Public powers and sources of Law (II)

LESSON TWO. SOURCES OF LAW

I.- CODIFIED LAW AND THE OTHER RULES OF THE SPANISH LEGAL SYSTEM. 1. The Spanish Constitution. 2. The rules with the same Rank as an Act 3. The regulations. 4. Other sources of unwritten Law. 5.1 The legal custom. 5.2 The general principles of law. 6. The case law. II.- THE EUROPEAN LAW. III.- INTERNATIONAL TREATIS

LESSON THREE. PLURALITY OF LEGAL SYSTEMS AND THEIR RELATION.

I. THE PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO THE EUROPEAN UNION LAW AND THE SPANISH LAW. 1. Principles of primacy and direct applicability. 2. The responsibility of Member States for transgression of European law. II RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND REGIONAL LAW. 1. The so-called residual competence. 2. The so-called prevalence clause. 3. The provision of supplementary use. III THE CONSULTATION TO THE



3. Public powers and sources of Law (III)

LESSON THREE. PLURALITY OF LEGAL SYSTEMS AND THEIR RELATION. CONSTITUTIONAL COURT (question of unconstitutionality) AND THE QUESTION TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE. IV THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

4. Citizens and public authorities

LESSON FOUR. THE CITIZENS

I.- FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES. II RIGHTS OF FREEDOM. 1. Freedom of association. 1.1 Political parties. 1.2 The unions, business associations and professional associations. 1.3.- The private sector; the so-called corporations. III CITIZEN PARTICIPATION. 1. Political participation. 2. The right of access to information and public files. 3. The administrative participation. IV ECONOMICAL FREEDOM. V. THE RIGHT TO LEGAL PROTECTION

5. Citizens and public authorities (II)

LESSON FIVE. PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY.

I.- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS. 1. Regional Public Administrations. 2. The so called instrumental Public Administrations. 3. Private entities of the Public Administration. 4. The public companies. 5. The so-called independent Public Administration. II ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH INCIDE OVER THE CITIZENS AND THE ECONOMIC SECTOR. 1. Public services. 2. The participation of the Public Administration on the economy.

6. Citizens and public authorities (III)

LESSON SIX. THE PUBLIC PROPERTY.

I.- CONCEPT. THE MAIN SECTORS. II THE PUBLIC DOMAIN: NATURAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES. III RULES FOR THEIR USE. IV THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

7. Town and country planning, Land Law and environmental rules

LESSON SEVEN. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING.

I. LAND LAW AND TERRITORY. II LEGAL STATUS OF THE LAND OWNER IN THE SPANISH LAND LAW. III LAND DEVELOPMENT. IV THE PROPERTY OF LAND. V. THE POWER OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OVER THE PROPERTY RIGHT. 1. The intervention of the Public Administration on land use. VI THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEGALITY AND THE LAND LAW

LESSON EIGHT. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

I.- ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. FEATURES II. 1. Preventive character. 2. Instrumental character. 3.



8. Town and country planning, Land Law and environmental rules (II)

LESSON EIGHT. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Content and advertising. 4. Temporary and provisional character. 1. SUBJECTS INVOLVED III Promoter. 2. The decision-making body and the environment. 3. Public Administrations concerned, citizens IV THE EAE. 1. Regulation. 2. General scope. 3. Types and structure V. THE EIA. 1. General scope. 2. Documentation. 3. Structure of the procedure. 4. The EAI and EIA VI.- RELATIONS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. 1. Distinction and relationship between EAE and EIA. 2. Hierarchy between plans and programs. 3. Relations of the EAE and EIA with EA on the natural heritage and biodiversity. VIII INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION. 1. Regulation. 2. General scope 3. Concept and procedure.

9. Town and country planning, Land Law and environmental rules

LESSON NINE. COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY.
I.- OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES. II CRIMINAL LIABILITY ON PLANNING, LAND LAW AND ENVIRONMENT.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	30,00
Other activities	15,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	6,00
Individual or group project	28,00
Independent study and work	21,00
Preparation of lessons	14,00
Preparation for assessment activities	15,00
Resolution of case studies	6,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching is structured as follows:

- Lectures: The classes are based on the lectures and the student participatory system



- Practical classes. Case studies in order to use the legislation. The group work will include the discussion and evaluation between the students.

- Tutorials: supplementary guidance concerning the course and other specific questions

- Individualized tutoring in which supervision is conducted to students so they can make proper monitoring of training activities. And group tutorials for the supervision of practical work, guidance and resolution of doubts especially ahead of the test preparation or assessment tests. In the tutorials, the / the teacher guide the student in the preparation of the work will resolve any doubts or difficulties related to the subject. Tutorials individually or in small groups will to solve problems, to work, etc. You can also make tutorials using the Aula Virtual or e-mail to facilitate consultations and clarifications that may be of interest to the student or working groups.

EVALUATION

The evaluation will be conducted as follows:

- Exam: 50% of the overall mark.

- Jobs and guided practice: 35% (exhibitions in public consistent work partados study of the lessons in the program is divided)

- Attendance and participation in activities: 15%

The second call will evaluate the theoretical and practical criteria of the subject in the same way as in the first call

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