

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 35897**Name:** International business law**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 7.5**Academic year:** 2026-27**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1314 - Degree in International Business	Facultat d'Economia	2	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1314 - Degree in International Business	Business legal environment	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

All commercial relations have legal implications. International trade is not an exception. Therefore, the subject matter of this course on International Business Law will be the regulation of commercial relations between private parties when there is an international element involved. Thus, specific aspects of Private International Law, International Commercial Law and International Procedural Law will be studied.

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

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS



The subject demands a special attitude from the student, since it is the only legal subject of the Degree on International Business. A prior knowledge of basic legal concepts would be advisable.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Aprehender las peculiaridades de los contratos internacionales más habituales.

Conocimiento del estatuto jurídico del empresario y de las sociedades mercantiles.

Conocimiento del régimen jurídico de la propiedad empresarial e industrial.

Conocimiento del régimen jurídico de las inversiones en los mercados internacionales.

Develop an ethical attitude in business, respecting human rights and the environment both in the country of origin of the company and in the different markets in which it operates.

Develop the capacity to evaluate and critically analyse international economic phenomena and agents.

Know the basic elements of the legislation regulating international economic, financial and fiscal operations.

Tener una visión general de las reglas jurídicas que condicionan la contratación internacional.

Tener una visión general de los aspectos jurídicos y legales que condicionan la actividad económica en general y de los derechos y obligaciones básicas de los agentes que operan en los distintos mercados.

Understand the behaviour of economic agents and their interaction in global markets.

Understand the structure and functioning of companies and organisations operating in an international context.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Institutional structure of International Commercial Law.

I. Introduction.

II. Institutions of an International Character.

III. Institutions of Regional Character: The EU.

IV. International Commerce and the Codification of International Commercial Law.

I. The Regulation of International Free Competition.

II. EU Competition Law.



2. International and European Competition Law.

- I. The Regulation of International Free Competition.
- III. International Unfair Competition Law.
- IV. Towards the Internationalization of Competition Law.

3. The International Protection of Intellectual Property Rights.

- I. Concepts, Goals and General Aspects of the International Protection of Intellectual Property Rights.
- II. International Regulation.
- III. EU Regulation.

4. Subjects participating in International Commerce.

- I. Introduction.
- II. Individuals.
- III. Legal Entities.

5. The international dimension of Companies.

- I. European Single Market and Company Law.
- II. Recognition and Free Establishment of Companies.
- III. International Mergers.

6. Lesson 6. International Contracts: General Regime.

- I. Introduction.
- II. The Rome I Regulation.
- III. Electronic Commerce.

7. International Sales Contracts

- I. Introduction.
- II. The 1980 Vienna Convention On The International Sale Of Goods.
- III. INCOTERMS 2010.

- I. International Insurance Contracts.



8. Other International Contracts.

- I. International Insurance Contracts. II. International Distribution Agreements.
- III. International Contracts Related to Intellectual Property Rights.

9. International Insolvency Procedures.

- I. Introduction.
- II. International Jurisdiction.
- III. Applicable Law.
- IV. Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Awards and Resolutions.

10. Dispute Resolution in International Commerce.

- I. Introduction.
- II. Civil Jurisdiction.
- III. ADR: International Commercial Arbitration.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	60,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	75,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	15,00
Independent study and work	75,00
Preparation of lessons	6,00
Preparation for assessment activities	10,00
Resolution of case studies	6,50
Total hours	112,50

TEACHING METHODOLOGY



The specific character of the subject and the specific regulation of International Trade demands an effort from both students and teacher:

A) LECTURES (THEORETICAL PART).

The method to be applied in the lectures combines the explanations given by the lecturer with the reading and studying by the students of the course materials. Therefore, during the lectures the teacher will introduce the main theoretical topics, illustrating them with up-to-date examples, and students are expected to actively participate in the learning process by debating.

B) CLASSES (PRACTICAL PART).

The aim of the classes is to allow the students to put into practice the analyzed theoretical concepts.

In any case, students should attend lectures and practical classes and participate actively and regularly with the adequate materials.

EVALUATION

1) Students shall be assessed by an oral final exam and they should expect questions and problems similar to the ones developed in lectures, seminars and classes.



The exam shall necessarily assess both the theoretical and practical part. The practical part will have a value of 10% of the final qualification and the theoretical part will have a value of 70% of the final qualification.

2) The former notwithstanding, an active involvement of the students in the Course is expected. That means the following.

(i) First, Students must assist at a minimum of 8 out of the 11 practical sessions. Up to 5% of the final qualification.

(ii) Second, they must have an active participation in said practical sessions. Up to 15% of the final qualification.

Regardless of the general evaluation system (written or oral), the teacher may determine in the annex the possibility of changing the examination system when it is obliged to carry out the objective test on dates other than the official in application of the rules foreseen for the coincidence in the dates of examinations in the Regulation of evaluation and qualification of the Universitat de València.

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