

2025-2026

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject			
Full Name	Tort, Liability and EU Insurance Law		
Code	E000001225		
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law		
Year	2025-26		
Nature	Spring		
ECTS Credits	2		
Department	Law		
Area	Law		
Teaching staff			

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SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

Framework	K Of	the s	ubject

Pre-requisites

None

Contribution of the degree to the professional profile

The degree will provide you with a broader perspective of the international legal frame and will help raising your profile and focussing it towards an international career.

Competences - Goals

Competences to be deloveped

Generic Competences

- GC 1 Analysis and synthesis abilities
- GC 3 Ability to manage information
- GC 12 Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice

Specific Competences

SC 4 Mastering the main rules of EU law and international law that are relevant to international business development

COURSE SYLLABUS AND CONTENT

Content

AREA 1. Non-contractual Liability

Theme 1. Principles of European Tort Law

- 1. Differences between EU and US Tort Law / Codified systems Vs. Common law
- 2. Introduction to Rome II Regulation
- 2.1 Choice of law in civil and commercial matters concerning non contractual obligations vs contractual obligations
- $2.2\ \textit{Proper law principle}$ as the choice of law rule for tort

Theme 2. Product Liability in the EU

- 2.1 Tort liability in different European countries: main topics and concerns. Defective Product Directive
- 2.2 Case study: example of product liability complex claim
- 2.3. Artificial Intelligence: new regulations

Theme 3. Cross-border insight into Class and Representative Actions

3.1 What is a class action and where is it permitted?

- 3.2 Class actions' requirements
- 3.3 Case study: class actions worldwide

AREA 2. Insurance Business

Theme 1. The Insurance Contract

- 1. Who is who
- 2. Principles (general)
- 3. Types

Theme 2. Civil Liability Insurance

- 1. Insurance protection for damages to third parties
- 2. Claims made policies
- 3. Examples: Product Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance

Theme 3. The Reinsurance contract

- 2.1 Risk transfer mechanisms
- 2.2 International reinsurance contracts

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodology of the subject

Contact hours methodology: Activities

Brief lecturing followed by practical examples based on existing cases (case study).

Outside class methodology: Activities

Reading of recommended articles and bibliography.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS

Lecture	Practical class	Debate	In class presentation	Individual work	Work in collaboration	Evaluation : exam
6	5	2	3		2	2
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7	4	6	2	1	1	8
ECTS CREDITS: 2 (20,00 hours)						

GRADE EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation Activities	Indicators	Evaluation weighting
Individual work (case study in class)	Grounds and Reasoned defence of opinions	40%
Evaluation: exam (final)	Level of knowledge shown in the responses, clarity of the ideas and reasonability	50%
Assistance	Regular attendance to classes – control by signature of a daily sheet	10%

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography and Resources

- Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)
 - http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32008R0593&from=EN
- Regulation EC no 864/2007 of the EU and the Council of 11 July 2007 on the Law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
 - http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:199:0040:0049:EN:PDF
- Principles of European Tort Law, http://civil.udg.edu/php/biblioteca/items/283/PETL.pdf
- EU Product Liability Directive <u>Liability for defective products European Commission</u>
- Representive Actions Directive (EU) 2020/1828 <u>Directive 2020/1828 EN EUR-Lex</u>

