

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject	
Name	Master's Thesis
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law
Year	2015-16
Nature	Spring
ECTS Credits	6
Department	Law
Area	Law
Teaching staff	Shared, see below

Data on the teaching staff	
Teaching staff	Adam Dubin and individual Thesis supervisors (to be assigned)
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Tutoring Schedule	Upon request from students

SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

Pre-requisites	None
Contribution of the degree to the professional profile	<p>Students will have the opportunity to develop specialized knowledge of a specific area related to European business law.</p> <p>Through this academic writing, students will develop a strong ability to develop, synthesis and articulate complex thought and analysis. Students will learn to support ideas with data and argument.</p>

Tentative Work Calendar

AREA 1
Students should immediately begin thinking about potential topics and meet with the MIEBL director to discuss any problems with finding a topic.
Each student is required to submit and defend a thesis based on a topic of his or her choice, but related to international and European business law. Students should spend the first month or two of the course becoming acquainted with the material. Once students have a general idea of the topic, please communicate it to the MIEBL Director, who will then assign you a supervisor. Over subsequent months, students will work with the supervisor to further develop the topic and produce a thesis of high academic quality.
Topic Submission
Students should submit a topic (even if not 100% clear) to Adam Director by October 22 nd . A supervisor will be assigned, who will help students to clarify topic and begin working to find sources and develop an outline.
Submission of source content and tentative outline
Due date: November 16 th .
Submission of First Draft
Due date: January 18 th (or earlier, if possible)
Submission of Second Draft
Due date: February 18 th
Submission of Final Draft to Supervisor
Due date: March 17 th
Submission of Thesis:
April 8 th
Oral Defence
April 26 th

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects of the subject

Contact hours methodology: Activities

This is independent study based.

Independent study methodology: Activities

This is an independent study, meaning that students are responsible for the progression of their own work.

Students will work with their supervisors to develop a work calendar, and will be sure to meet all applicable deadlines for work submission. Students will meet / speak with their supervisors to go over drafts and make all modifications necessary in order to develop a final work product.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS			
Activity	Number of class hours	Number of independent study hours	Total number of hours
Lecture			
Practical class			
Debate			
In class presentation			
Individual work		120	
Work in collaboration			
Evaluation: one minute paper			
Evaluation: class test			
Evaluation: exam			
Evaluation: exam review			
Others			
<u>Total</u>			
ECTS Credits:		120	

GRADE EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation Activities	Generic Competences	Indicators	Evaluation Weighting
Written thesis		<p>THESIS (25%): The central argument, question or issue addressed by the paper is clearly stated and well developed throughout the paper.</p> <p>EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS (30%): The student effectively analyzes the issue and supports his or her argument using good quality academic sources and provides a high level of academic analysis.</p> <p>Structure (20%): The thesis is logical and well organized. It includes a well-developed conclusion.</p> <p>Style (5%): Student pays attention to grammar, sentence structure, formatting and spelling.</p>	80%
Oral defence		<p>Defense (20%): The student's presentation is well organized, reasoned and articulate. Student includes an opening and closing statement that reflects an understanding of his or her issues and how to prepare an opening and closing. Student is able to respond to questions thoughtfully and demonstrates a command of the subject matter. If a PowerPoint presentation is used, the student pays attention to grammar, formatting, etc.</p>	20%

Late Work		Late theses will be deducted 10% per day, with a maximum lateness of 2 days from the time the thesis is required to be submitted. After 2 days, the student will fail the thesis portion part of the MIEBL and will not be able to graduate.	10% Deduction
Plagiarism			Automatic failure