

LAW FACULTY

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject			
Name	EU Insolvency Law, Credit Protection and Recovery in the EU		
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law		
Nature	Spring Semester 17- 18		
ECTS Credits	2		
Department	Law		
Area	International and European Law		

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SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

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None

Contribution of the degree to the professional profile

The course introduces students to the general principles of insolvency and cross-border restructuring with a particular focus on the tools available within the EU. It intends to provide an understanding of the interest of the various stakeholders involved in cross-border restructurings with a view to encourage identification and critical analysis of the recovery and protection strategies which may be available under different jurisdictions.

COMPETENCES TO BE IMPROVED

Generic Competences

Instrumental

Ability to analyse and synthesize information

The ability to manage large quantities of information.

The development of critical reasoning skills.

Interpersonal

The ability to work in groups and individually.

Systemic

The ability to work in an international context

Specific competences of the subject

Conceptual (knowing)

Develop a strong understanding of international insolvency principles, cross – border insolvency and credit protection on

European and International Levels.

Procedural (doing)

Understand from the point of view of both creditors and debtors.

Professional (knowing how)

Understand the complexities and intricacies of insolvency and cross border restructuring.

THEMATIC AREA AND CONTENT

AREA 1: International and cross-border insolvency and credit protection and recovery

Theme 1: Introduction to insolvency and international best practices in insolvency legislation

- 1.1 Introduction and basic concepts
- 1.2. Insolvency test
- 1.3 The International best practices in insolvency legislation
- 1.4 Compliance of the EU cross-border legislation with international best practices

Theme 2 Out-of-court restructuring and judicial proceedings across the EU

- 2.1 Pre-insolvency mediation
- 2.2 Out-of-court schemes of arrangement
- 2.3 Refinancing and pre-packed agreements
- 2.4 Creditors' securities and claw back issues
- 2.5 Limitations to creditors cram down

Theme 3: Case studies: composition and liquidation

- 3.1. Basic requirements of reorganization in the context of cross-border insolvency
- 3.2. Milestone cases
- 3.2. Basic principles of liquidation in cross-border insolvency cases
- 3.4. Milestone cases

Theme 4: European cross-border insolvency - Case study regarding COMI

- 4.1 Concept and implications of COMI determination
- 4.2 Forum shopping in cross-border insolvency
- 4.3 The *Parmalat* and other milestone cases
- 4.4 The amendment of EU legislation in relation with COMI

Theme 5: European cross-border insolvency - Coordination of main and secondary insolvency proceedings

- 5.1 Main proceeding vs. secondary proceeding
- 5.2. Power distribution between courts and insolvency practitioners in charge of the main and secondary proceedings
- 5.3. Coordination of secondary proceedings

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

Text books

- <u>The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings, a commentary and annotated guide</u> / editors and principal contributors, Gabriel Moss, Ian F. Fletcher, Stuart Isaacs (2002)
- <u>European Union Regulation on Insolvency (2002. Brussels) European Union Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings: an introductory analysis / by Bob Wessels (2003)</u>
- <u>Comentario al Reglamento Europeo de Insolvencia</u> / by Virgós Soriano and Garcimartín Alférez, Civitas (2004)

Websites

http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTLAWJUSTICE/EXTGILD/0,,contentMDK:22095859~menuPK:64874173~pagePK:4789622~piPK:64873779~theSitePK:5807555,00.html

http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/uncitral_texts/insolvency.html

http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/justice_freedom_security/judicial_cooperation_in_civil_matters/l33110_en.htm

http://www.insol-europe.org/

Other material

UNCITRAL Model Law on International Bankruptcy

Additional Bibliography

Text books

Goode, Roy Principles of corporate insolvency law / by Roy Goode (1997)

Other material

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects of the subject

Contact hours methodology: Activities
Independent study methodology: Activities

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS				
Activity	Number of contact hours	Number of independent study hours	Total number of hours	
Lecture	6			
Practical class				
Debate	6	12		
In class presentation	8	16		
Individual work				
Work in collaboration				
Evaluation: one minute paper				
Evaluation: class test				
Evaluation: exam	2			
Evaluation: exam review				
Others				
ECTS Credits:	2			

GRADE EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation Activities	Generic Competences (Work should conform to the competencies discussed above)	Indicators	Evaluation Weighting
Individual work			15%
Attendance			10%
Debate			10%
Class presentation			15%
Evaluation: exam			50%

Grades

Grades will be determined and weighted in accordance with the above.