



FICHA TÉCNICA DE LA ASIGNATURA

Datos de la asignatura	
Nombre completo	Curso de Iniciación / Initiation Course
Código	E000001795
Título	Máster Universitario en Derecho Internacional y Europeo de los Negocios (International and European Business Law) por la Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Impartido en	Máster Universitario en Derecho Internacional y Europeo de los Negocios [Primer Curso]
Créditos	2,0 ECTS
Carácter	Obligatoria

Datos del profesorado	
Profesor	
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DATOS ESPECÍFICOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

Contextualización de la asignatura	
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Competencias - Objetivos		
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GENERALES		
CG06	Capacidad de trabajo en equipo	
	RA1	Colabora en la definición, organización y distribución de las tareas del grupo
	RA2	Realiza las tareas que le asignan dentro del grupo en los plazos solicitados
	RA3	Participa de forma activa en los espacios de encuentro del equipo, compartiendo información conocimientos y experiencias
	RA4	Se orienta a la consecución de acuerdos y objetivos comunes, comprometiéndose con ellos
	RA5	Toma en cuenta los puntos de vista de los demás, retroalimentándolos de forma constructiva
CG07	Capacidad de trabajo en un contexto internacional	
	RA1	Detecta los problemas derivados de las diferencias entre sistemas jurídicos
	RA2	Busca generar soluciones adaptables a los distintos sistemas jurídicos



	RA3	Entiende que el contexto jurídico y económico se inserta en relaciones transnacionales
	RA4	Es consciente de las resistencias o dificultades que una misma solución puede plantear en distintos contextos y busca mecanismos para minimizar estos problemas
CG10	Capacidad de desarrollo de un aprendizaje autónomo	
	RA1	Adapta autónomamente las estrategias de aprendizaje en cada situación. Razona adecuadamente sobre la adecuación de sus estrategias en cada situación
	RA2	Es capaz de integrar paradigmas de otras disciplinas y/o campos de conocimiento próximos al suyo. Aplica y generaliza con facilidad y rapidez los conocimientos entre disciplinas
ESPECÍFICAS		
CE04	Dominar las principales normas de derecho comunitario y de derecho internacional con relevancia para el desarrollo de negocios internacionales	
	RA1	Conoce en profundidad las fuentes del ordenamiento jurídico comunitario, el sistema de reparto de competencias entre la UE y los Estados miembros, los procesos de adopción de normas en el ámbito comunitario y de trasposición de estas normas a los ordenamientos domésticos de los Estados miembros
	RA2	Sabe determinar la compatibilidad de una norma nacional con las normas vinculantes de carácter internacional o comunitario y, en caso de incompatibilidad, saber interpretar adecuadamente las normas en conflicto para determinar la regla aplicable a un determinado supuesto de hecho
CE15	Dominar las técnicas de investigación jurídica y desarrollar la capacidad de presentar de manera convincente, por escrito y oralmente, los resultados de la propia investigación	
	RA1	Domina la metodología de aprendizaje activo basado en el "método del caso"
	RA2	Conoce en profundidad las distintas orientaciones metodológicas disponibles para llevar a cabo una investigación jurídica de tipo académico

BLOQUES TEMÁTICOS Y CONTENIDOS

BIBLIOGRAFÍA Y RECURSOS

METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE

Aspectos metodológicos generales de la asignatura

RESUMEN HORAS DE TRABAJO DEL ALUMNO

HORAS PRESENCIALES

HORAS NO PRESENCIALES



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