

LAW FACULTY

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject		
Name	EU Labor Law	
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law	
Year	2015 - 2016	
Nature	Lecture	
ECTS Credits	1	
Department	Law	
Area	Law	
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SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

Pre-requisites

Basic legal background and basic understanding of general concepts of employment/labor law.

Contribution of the degree to the professional profile

Raising awareness about the practical implications of the employment/labor legislation in the day-to-day operations of local and international companies.

COMPETENCES TO BE IMPROVED

Generic Competences

Instrumental

Understanding the functioning of online caselaw research tools and being able to use efficiently the research resources made available by the university.

Interpersonal

Improving team work skills, understanding the importance of interpersonal relationships within the framework of a professional environment, learning to manage internal/external client relationships.

Systemic

Assessing and understanding the impact of a specific employment/labor issues on the company's broader strategy or/and business operations.

Specific competences of the subject

Conceptual (knowing)

Basic understanding of key concepts of employment/labor law, as well as general knowledge of the functioning of EU institutions.

Procedural (doing)

Based on concepts and knowledge learned during the class, implementation through in-class exercises and presentations.

Professional (knowing how)

Learning to analyse EU court decisions from a practical perspective, identifying the applicable rules and understanding how they may apply to specific real life cases. Assessing cases from a broader EU perspective while at the same time understanding the implications that the EU regulation may have on individual EU citizens as well as EU member states.

THEMATIC AREA AND CONTENT

AREA 1: EU Labor Law

Theme 1: Equality law and no-discrimination

- 1.1 Introduction to EC law and policies on equality
- 1.2 No-discrimination based on prohibited grounds
- 1.3 EC regulations on ethnic and racial discrimination / equal opportunities between men and women
- 1.4 Analysis of recent court decisions and in-class debate

Theme 2: Employees' work conditions

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Freedom of movement and posted workers regulations
- 2.3 Temporary agency workers
- 2.4 Analysis of recent court decisions and in-class debate

Theme 3: Employees' rights on restructuring enterprises

- 3.1 Introduction
- 3.2 Protection of employees' rights in case of transfers of undertakings
- 3.3 Collective redundancies and employees' rights in case of insolvency
- 3.4 Analysis of recent court decisions and in-class debate

Theme 4: Workers' involvement in decision-making processes

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Information, consultation and participation rights
- 2.3 European works councils and European companies regulations
- 2.4 Analysis of recent court decisions and in-class debate

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

Text books

BARNARD, Catherine (2006): EC Employment Law, Oxford EC Law Library, Third Edition

Websites

http://curia.europa.eu/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=en

Notes

The course will include the analysis of a minimum of 8 recent court decisions on the following topics, which will be subject of in-class debate: a) Equality and no discrimination rights; b) Employees' work conditions; c) Types of employment contracts; d) Collective redundancies and transfer of undertakings; e) Employees' information, consultation and participation rights. The specific court decisions to be analyzed during each session will be circulated to the students prior to the session.

Other material

Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation

Directive 2000/43/EC on the principle of equal treatment irrespective of ethnic or racial origin

Directive 2006/54/EC on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation

Directive 96/34/EC parental leave directive

Directive 96/71 on posted workers within the framework of a rendering of services

Directive 2008/104/EC on temporary agency workers

Directive 99/70/EC fixed-term work directive

Directive 97/81/EC part-time work directive

Directive 2001/23/EC on the safeguarding of employees' rights in case of transfers of undertakings

Directive 2008/94/EC on the protection of employees in case of insolvency

Directive 98/59/EC on collective redundancies

Directive 2009/38/EC on European Works Councils and employees' information and consultation rights in companies of European dimension

Directive 2002/14/EC on information and consultation rights in the EC

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	8	6	14		
Practical class	6	12	18		
Debate	6	12	18		
In class presentation					
Individual work					
Work in collaboration					
Evaluation: one minute paper					
Evaluation: class test					
Evaluation: exam	2		2		
Evaluation: exam review					
Others					
ECTS Credits:					

Grades

The students will be assessed based on the following criteria (special emphasis will be put on students' participation in class):

10% Attendance

20% In-class presentations based on the EU cases assigned to each student

20% In-class debates based on exercises that will be handed during the course

50% Final exam