

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject	
Full Name	Accounting and Finance for Lawyers
Code	E000001235
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law
Year	2019-20
Nature	Fall
ECTS Credits	2
Department	Law
Area	Law
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SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

Framework of the subject
Pre-requisites
None
Contribution of the degree to the professional profile
<p>Acquiring knowledge on accounting and finance basics is essential to understand the economics of most of the transactions and legal implications of all the acts taken by companies, which are the main actors in the global economy.</p> <p>The interaction between the economic side of a company (being the accounting the common language followed by all the companies to have comparable information) and the way to regulate from a legal point of view all the relations between the company and third parties is essential for an accurate and complete advise to your clients.</p>

Competences - Goals

Competences to be developed

Generic Competences

- GC 2: Ability to communicate orally and in writing
- GC 4: Problem-solving skills
- GC 5: Decision-making skills
- GC 6: Team work skills
- GC 7: Ability to work in an international context
- GC 9: Awareness of the importance of ethical commitment
- GC 12: Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice

Specific Competences

- SC 11 Knowing the structure of the financial reports and documents and be able to extract legal implications, both in corporate business taxation and in the context of business, commercial or corporate litigation

COURSE SYLLABUS AND CONTENT

Content

Area 1. Accounting for lawyers

Theme 1. Introduction to accounting and its relevance for a business lawyer

- 1.1 Introduction to accounting concepts in a balance sheet
- 1.2 Introduction to accounting concepts in a P&L account
- 1.3 Use of accounting for lawyers

Theme 2. Ways to measure the value of a company

- 2.1 Methods based on accounting
- 2.2 Other methods

Theme 3. Relevance of the accounting for tax purposes

- 3.1 The P&L account as the basis of the Corporate Income Tax
- 3.2 Different approaches to risk by accountants and lawyers

AREA 2. Finance principles for lawyers

Theme 1. Financial ratios and information obtained from accounting

- 1.1 EBITDA
- 1.2 Working capital
- 1.3 Return on investment / return on assets /return on equity

Theme 2. Alternative ways to finance a business (merits and cons)

- 2.1 Equity
- 2.2 Debt
- 2.3 Hybrid instruments

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodology of the subject

Contact hours methodology: Activities

Practical classes with a theory part showing the accounting and finance basic principles and then use practical cases to, with the participation of all the members of the class, understand the previously explained concepts.

Outside class methodology: Activities

In some cases, and in particular regarding the final case study, they students will have to analyse and solve some cases. The cases (even the final case) will have to be analysed and solved by the students out of the class (in groups or individually) and delivered to the professor usually within the following 2-3 days.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS

NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS						
Lecture	Practical class	Debate	In class presentation	Individual work	Work in collaboration	Evaluation
4	10	2	2			2
NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT WORK HOURS						
Lecture	Practical class	Debate	In class presentation	Individual work	Work in collaboration	Evaluation
	8		2	8	8	4
ECTS CREDITS: 2 (50,00 hours)						

GRADE EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation Activities	Indicators	Evaluation weighting
Work in collaboration: several cases to be prepared in groups during 2-3 days	Clearance and technical knowledge on the presentations	40% Approx. 1/3 each
Debate	Good exposition of ideas and technical knowledge	
Class presentation	More information to be provided in class.	
Evaluation: exam (final)	Indicators to be discussed in class.	50%
Attendance	Regular attendance to classes – control by signature of a daily sheet	10%

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography and Resources

OTHER MATERIAL

Materials will be distributed in class.

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