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Master of Laws
Business Law (LL.M.)

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M 01 – Contract Law

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 01	125 h	5	1st sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Contract Law	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, with a duration of approx. 60 hours, includes
 - aa) the transfer of knowledge and practice through assignments (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary courses via VS-Online (exercise material and BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch – German Civil Code) quiz as a multimedia exercise tool for examination preparation).
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 45 hours, encompasses reading the literature and source references given in the assignments and in the classroom components. It also includes the discussion of case studies in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 16 hours. During this time, case studies are discussed and any questions students may have from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further four hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, written examination courses, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

The learning objective of the Contract Law course is to acquire knowledge of the law of obligations on the basis of legal transaction theory. Students should be familiar with the general law of obligations (law of breach of duty: impossibility, default, etc.) as well as the special law of obligations (law of the various types of contract: purchase, rental, contract for specific work, loan, etc.). Students should be proficient in contract typology and be able to deal with, in particular, questions on warranty for the basic types of

civil law (purchase agreement, rental agreement/lease, work contract for specific work, etc.) according to the rules of the legal case-solving technique.

Contents

1. Function of the contract
2. Principles and basic terms of contract law
3. Creation of a contract
 - The contractual parties
 - Declarations concerning the conclusion of the contract
 - Conclusion of contract with representatives
 - Limits to freedom of contract and binding effect
4. Implementation of the contract
 - Fulfilment
 - Non-fulfilment
 - Late fulfilment
 - Improper fulfilment
5. Overview of individual contract types
 - Purchase agreement
 - Contract for specific work
 - Service contract
 - Rental agreement/ lease
 - Loan
 - Guarantee

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Standard assessment: written examination

Other forms of assessment: oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl

Module coordinator in teaching

- a) Assignment Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl
- b) Classroom component:
 - FH Bielefeld: RiLG Dr. jur. Thorsten Bolte
(RiLG – Richter am Landgericht – regional court judge)
 - HS Niederrhein: Prof. Dr. jur. Blaese
 - FH Südwestfalen: RiAG Prof. Dr. jur. Stalinski
(RiAG – Richter am Amtsgericht – district court judge)

M 02 – Commercial and Corporate Law

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 02	125 h	5	2nd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Commercial and Corporate Law	20 h	105 h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, which takes approx. 40 h, includes
 - aa) the transfer and practice of knowledge through assignments (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary courses via VS-Online (revision material and online lexicon of business law as a multimedia revision tool for examination preparation).
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, amounting to approx. 65 hours, takes place primarily in the context of the preparation of an assignment in which a given issue is to be assessed using the literature and case law.

Contact hours:

- a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 16 hours. During this time, case studies are discussed and any questions students may have from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further four hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, written examination courses, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 to 30 participants

Qualification objectives

After completing the module, students should be able to resolve legal issues in the field of commercial and corporate law.

As students of the study programme typically have basic substantive knowledge of both areas of law, e.g. with regard to business and types of company, problem areas that students can be assumed to have knowledge of are only briefly addressed and, following self-test tasks, information is given on how to fill in any possible gaps by way of self-study.

On the other hand, questions of which knowledge cannot be assumed due to students' previous education, such as detailed regulations on individual commercial transactions or the internal organisation of companies, are dealt with in detail. Questions arising from students' everyday working life are also dealt with.

In terms of method, in this module students acquire the ability to prepare an expert opinion by evaluating the literature and case law.

Contents

1. Commercial Law

- Principles of commercial law (merchant, company, commercial register)
- Auxiliary staff of the merchant
(authorised representative, power of attorney, shop assistant, commercial agent)

- Commercial activities

(Term, types, scope, commercial customs, creation, fulfilment, current account and right of retention, commercial purchase, commission business)

2. Corporate Law

- Principles

(Types of company and their subdivision, structural features of partnerships and corporations)

- Partnerships (BGB-Gesellschaft (also Gesellschaft bürgerlichen Rechts – GbR – civil law partnership), OHG – offene Handelsgesellschaft – general partnership), KG (Kommanditgesellschaft – limited partnership))
- Corporations (GmbH – Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung – private limited company)
- Mixed types (GmbH & Co. KG – limited partnership with, typically, the sole general partner being a limited liability company)
- Other forms of company (only basic terms)

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Basic knowledge of commercial and corporate law

Form of assessment

Regular assessment: homework (report)

Further permitted forms of assessment: written examination, oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Hesse

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Manfred Hesse

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: RAuN Dr. Michael Geilert

(RAuN – Rechtsanwalt und Notar – lawyer and notary)

HS Niederrhein: RAin Sabine Thon

(RAin – Rechtsanwältin – lawyer)

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. jur. Hesse.

M 03 – Employment Law

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 03	125 h	5	2nd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Employment Law	20 h	105 h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, with a duration of approx. 60 h, includes:
 - aa) the transfer of knowledge and practice through five learning units of the relevant assignment (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including revision material, multimedia courses)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 45 hours, encompasses reading the literature and source references given in the learning units and in the classroom components, and additionally the discussion of case studies in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life.

Contact hours:

The total duration of classroom exercises is 16 hours. Case studies are discussed at this time. A further four hours are reserved for supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, practice examination courses, revision courses, etc.), questions for teaching and/or other staff (including by phone or e-mail) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

The Employment Law course is intended to give students basic knowledge of individual employment law and collective employment law, as well as an overview of employment law proceedings. For this purpose, the main features of collective employment law and employment court/tribunal proceedings are presented in addition to the terms employee and employer and the reason, the content and facts concerning the termination of employment. This is then intended to allow participants to work on corporate issues that arise in connection with employment, collective and social security and

procedural problems in everyday operations. The classroom components (exercises) will focus on learning the subsumption (analysis) technique.

Contents

- Conclusion of the employment contract
- Defects in the employment contract
- Rights and obligations deriving from the employment contract
- Termination of employment
- Employment protection law
- Principles of collective bargaining law and employment-law coalitions
- Principles of industrial action law
- Principles of the right of co-determination
- Employment and ordinary jurisdiction
- Structure of employment jurisdiction
- Competence of courts for employment matters
- Appeal and procedure in employment court/tribunal judgment proceedings

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Standard form of examination: written examination.

Other admissible form of examination: oral examination.

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Hohmeister | FH SWF

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Study assignment:

Prof. Dr. jur. Hohmeister | FH SWF

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Jörg Oberrath |

HS Niederrhein: Rechtsanwältin Anita Bennink |

FH Südwestfalen: Richter am Amtsgericht Prof. Dr. jur. Dirk Stalinski (district court judge)

M 04 – Information and Communication Law

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 04	250 h	10	3rd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Information and Communication Law	40 h	250 h	10

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 120 h
 - aa) Knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material and multimedia courses, in particular the WBT (web-based training) units on media services law, teleservice law, copyright, competition law and data protection law)
 - cc) discussion of presentations and seminar papers
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 90 hours
 - aa) reading in learning groups of literature listed in the learning units, case studies and discussion in learning groups
 - bb) preparation and presentation of a report or preparation of a seminar paper on a given topic; as a rule, these are case law analyses
 - cc) application and consolidation of acquired knowledge in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 32 h
Case studies and clarification of questions arising from the self-study phase, as well as presentation and discussion of the presentations
- b) Other, 8 h
Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone, e-mail or VS-online, additional courses in small groups, examination

Group size

Approx. 25 participants

Qualification objectives

The learning objective of this course is to acquire knowledge and experience in information and communication law. In addition to imparting specialist knowledge, special emphasis is placed on legal working methods, in particular on the analysis of case law and legal literature. Students learn to convey complex issues to their fellow students in the form of short presentations (5 to 10 minutes) and a handout (max. one page) and also to present controversial aspects in a comprehensible manner, with reference to the prevailing opinion and various dissenting opinions. Students should be empowered to present the results of legal research in short form to their superiors, employees or customers orally and in writing (known as "briefing") in their professional practice.

The focus is on the law of the new media in relation to the commercial use of the Internet. After completing the module, students should be able to evaluate the legal opportunities and risks of the services provided in the information society.

This involves assigning various practical issues (e.g. set-up and structure of a website, freedom of the press, broadcasting and information, e-commerce and distance selling, Internet auctions, advertising in the media, aspects of the protection of minors and data in the media, international legal issues)

Contents

1. Media law
 - Constitutional principles
 - Press, broadcasting and film
 - Telemedia services
2. Law of tele- and media services
 - Basic concepts and freedom of access
 - Information and drafting obligations
 - Country of origin principle in the European Union
 - Liability of providers of tele- and media services
 - Special features for media services
(legal notice, duty of care, advertising and sponsoring)
 - Protection of minors in telemedia
3. Contract law on the Internet
 - Distance selling and e-commerce
 - Information obligations, right of cancellation
 - Conclusion of a contract on the Internet (text form, electronic form)
 - Inclusion of online terms and conditions in the contract
 - Drafting licence agreements
4. Copyright law
 - Concept of work and threshold of originality
 - Personal and exploitation rights

- Privileged types of use
- Related rights
- Copyright infringement
- 5. Internet domain and trademark law
 - Naming rights
 - Rights to the company's name
 - Trademark law
- 6. Competition law
 - Advertising and unfair competition
- 7. Data protection law
 - Processing of personal data
 - Prohibition with permission reservation
 - Sectoral data protection in the media

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Written exam, oral examination or presentation. We recommend an oral group examination with three to four participants of a duration between 90 and 120 minutes (30 minutes per participant), possibly including short presentations from current case law (max. 10 minutes), the content of which covers several of the areas of law listed above.

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler.

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler,

HS Niederrhein: RAin Sabine Thon

FH Südwestfalen: Dr. Sandra Rohleder

M 05 – Contract Drafting

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 05	250 h	10	4th sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Drafting of Contracts	40 h	210 h	10

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

a) The guided transfer of knowledge, which takes approx. 120 h, includes
aa) imparting and practicing knowledge through assignments (lectures and exercises) and bb) supplementary courses via the corresponding learning platforms, such as VS-online or ILIAS (exercise material and online lexicon of business law as a multimedia exercise tool for examination preparation).

b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 90 hours, includes reading the literature and source references given in the assignments and in the classroom components, and additionally the discussion of case studies in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life.

Contact hours:

a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 32 hours. During this time, case studies are discussed and any questions students may have from the self-study phase are clarified.
b) A further eight hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, practice examinations, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 to 30 participants

Qualification objectives

After completing the module, students should be able to draft contracts for real-world situations from the aforementioned areas of civil law, commercial and company law, employment law, and information and communication law. Building on the acquired specialist knowledge of the subjects addressed, the

methodology and selected aspects of contract drafting are dealt with. Questions arising from students' everyday work are also addressed. Students acquire the ability to apply their knowledge to the resolution of new and unfamiliar situations and to take scientifically sound decisions. They are also able to acquire new knowledge independently. They learn how to draft contracts themselves.

Contents

1. Methodology of contract drafting
2. General terms and conditions
3. Contract drafting in civil law
 - Consumer protection aspects
 - Drafting of purchase and work contracts
 - Drafting of rental and leasing contracts
4. Contract drafting in commercial and corporate law
 - Drafting in purchasing, production and sales
 - Drafting of financing agreements
 - Drafting of articles of association
5. Contract drafting in employment law
 - Drafting of individual employment contracts
 - Clauses in collective agreements
6. Contract drafting in information and communication law
 - Drafting of licensing agreements
 - Special forms of contract on the Internet
 - Forms of contract on the Internet

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Mastery of the knowledge acquired in the previous legal modules.

Form of assessment

Written examination, oral examination, term paper or presentation

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Tekidou-Kühlke MLE, LL.M.

Module coordinator in teaching

Assignments

LE 01–05 Dr. jur. Kuhlger/Prof. Dr. Benning/Prof. Dr. Oberrath

LE 05–07 Prof. Dr. Christa Schmidt/Dr. Bettina Grünewald

LE 08 Prof. Dr. Steckler / Prof. Dr. Benning / Prof. Dr. Oberrath

Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: RA Dr. Platena

HS Niederrhein: RA Dr. Striewe

FH Südwestfalen: Herr Premer

M 06 – Management Competence I (Corporate Strategy)

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 06	250 h	10	1st sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Management Competence I (Corporate Strategy)	h	h	10

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 120 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
 - b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 90 hours
- Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 32 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 8 h
- Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examination

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

Indicative target:

Students should know and be able to apply the in-depth principles of strategic management. To this end, they should be able to analyse strategic action in order to subsequently plan, implement and control strategic action.

Broad objectives

Students should be able to:

- classify and understand the terms management and strategy,
- know, understand and manage strategic management processes,
- draw up target plans,
- design strategic analyses,

- develop complex strategies,
- implement strategies,
- know, consider and apply instruments of strategic management,
- know and apply control methods for strategic management.

Contents

- Management and strategy
- Development stages of strategic management
- Goals and tasks of strategic management
- The strategic management process
- Strategic goal planning
- Strategic analysis
- Strategy development
- Strategy implementation
- Instruments of strategic management
- Strategic control

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM) - mandatory subject

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Written examination/oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments: Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. Ralf Klapdor

Hochschule Niederrhein: Dipl.-Psych. Mario Schmitz-Buhl

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Sabine Quarg

M 07 – Management Competence II (Leadership)

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 07	250 h	10	2nd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Management Competence II (Leadership)	h	h	10

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 130 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
 - b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 80 hours
- Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 32 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 8 h
- Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examination

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

Indicative target

Students should be able to cope with demanding real-world management situations in a productive and scientifically sound manner.

Broad objectives

Students should be able to:

- understand the importance of leadership in organisations,
- know, understand, evaluate and apply important theoretical approaches to management activities,
- know, understand and be able to apply leadership tools and leadership styles,
- know, understand and apply the principles of communication and cooperation,
- consider and evaluate their own leadership behaviour,
- resolve difficult leadership cases scientifically and
- understand and manage group processes in management.

Contents

- Management tasks and material tasks
- Leadership styles
- Advantages and disadvantages of leadership styles
- Delegation of management tasks
- Employee motivation
- Leadership communication
- Difficult leadership situations
- Recognising the importance of motivation
- Understanding intrinsic motivation as the basis of motivation
- Structure and document employee interviews and monitor successes
- Chairing or moderating a group
- Group dynamic processes

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Written examination/oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments: Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. Swetlana Franken

Hochschule Niederrhein: Dipl.-Psych. Mario Schmitz-Buhl

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

Other information

The learning units will be revised in 2012.

M 08 – Technology of Electronic Commerce

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 08	125 h	5	2nd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
E-Commerce Technology	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 60 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
 - b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 45 h
- Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 16 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 4 h
- Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examination

Group size

Approx. 25 participants

Qualification objectives

In the Technology of E-Commerce course, students should become familiar with the most important technical principles of business transactions based on modern information and communication technology. The course focuses on the possibilities for using today's computer systems and the Internet – especially in the context of e-commerce. Central topics include the XML markup language and the technology of the digital signature. Course participants should be able to make an independent assessment of the possibilities and limitations, as well as the costs and dangers, of the

use of modern technical aids. Students should also become familiar with some formal description methods in computer science, which are also used in other professional contexts.

Contents

1. Business information systems
2. Communication networks, especially Internet and Intranet
3. E-commerce technologies, especially
 - a) the XML universal data exchange format
 - b) the digital signature.
4. Further technical aspects of data protection and security
5. Some formal description methods in computer science

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Knowledge of the contents of the basic legal modules

Form of assessment

Term paper / oral examination / written examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/180

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke

Module coordinator in teaching

- a) Assignments
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke
- b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hartel
HS Niederrhein: Dipl.-Inf. Ulbrich
FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke

M 09 – Mediation

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 09	125 h	5	5th sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Mediation	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 60 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
 - b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 45 h
- Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 16 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 4 h
- Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examination

Group size

Approx. 25 participants

Qualification objectives

Commercial lawyers primarily deal with legal tasks in connection with the design and support of procedural processes in companies. Their work therefore focuses on the legal clarification of issues in advance of a legal dispute, and possibly court proceedings. An important aspect is the autonomous, i.e. (initially) independent of state authorities, clarification of legal problems and disputes between the persons or companies involved. It can be advisable to attempt an amicable solution, not only when planning legal relationships in advance, especially when concluding contracts, but also when difficulties

arise during implementation. Mediation refers to this method of out-of-court dispute resolution; other methods are also available. In contrast to the "normal" procedure to enforce rights through state courts, they are referred to as alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures. After studying these learning units, one should be familiar with the different concepts and their procedural principles. In a specific conflict situation, one should be able to weigh up the possibilities of mediation, especially with regard to the legal requirements and consequences, and, if necessary, to take the necessary steps to initiate and carry out the procedure.

Contents

At the beginning of the course there is an overview of the various alternative dispute resolution procedures, from arbitration to conciliation and mediation. The principles and procedures of mediation, as well as their legal aspects, namely the contractual basis and the legal framework, are explained in the following.

- Arbitration
- Arbitration and conciliation proceedings
- Principles of mediation; the Harvard concept
- Mediation procedures
- Contractual basis of mediation
- Legislative framework

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Knowledge of the contents of the basic legal modules

Form of assessment

Standard assessment: written examination

Other forms of assessment: oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/180

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: RA Roger Rabbe, LL.M.

HS Niederrhein: Prof. Dr. Gisela Meyer-Thamer M.E.S.

FH Südwestfalen: Dr. Rohleder

M 10 – International Business Law (Key Module)

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 10	250 h	10	3rd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
International Business Law (Key Module)	40 h	210 h	10

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 120 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses depending on location via VS-online or ILIAS (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 90 h, includes reading the literature and source references given in the assigned literature and case law, as well as in the case studies. Furthermore, knowledge consolidation refers to discussion in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of acquired knowledge in one's professional life.

Contact time:

- a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 32 hours. During this time, case studies are discussed, case law is analysed and relevant judgements are presented by the students. In addition, students' questions arising from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further eight hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or research staff (also by phone or e-mail), as well as additional courses in small groups (tutorials, practice examinations, revision courses, etc.).

Group size

Approx. 25 participants

Qualification objectives

The course aims to familiarise students with the legal provisions applicable to cross-border business and the national statutory provisions on contract law, commercial and company law, employment law and economic administration law

in order to supplement and deepen knowledge of those regulations that take into account the international implications of legal transactions. After completing the module, students are to focus on detailed questions of European business law and international contract law – in terms of the UN Uniform Sales Law, international transport law and Incoterms and international private law. In addition, students acquire fundamental knowledge of foreign trade law and world trade law. They will understand the relationships between WTO, GATT, GATS and TRIPS. The aim is to enable them to independently classify and resolve cross-border business transactions and, moreover, to act as competent and critical interlocutors for the lawyers and business lawyers advising on in international transactions. Through the constant analysis of judgements in the classroom units, they learn how to make scientifically sound decisions and acquire the ability to acquire new knowledge independently.

Contents

Building on the basic knowledge of the students, the main areas of European business law are presented in the course. This is followed by a presentation of the UN uniform sales convention (CISG), the CMR and the Incoterms; the autonomous German and European conflict of laws – known as international private law – is then dealt with. Students acquire competence in the application of the EU regulations Rome I, Rome II, and the EU Succession Regulation. With regard to European civil procedure law, they are able to determine the international jurisdiction of the court seized by applying Directive (EU) No. 1215/2012 in the Brussels IA Regulation version and effectively agree jurisdiction clauses. The module concludes with an overview of foreign trade law and world trade law.

European business law

- Basics of the areas covered (European law, international law on the movement of goods, conflict of laws, international economic administration law)
- Origin, structure and organisation of the EU, as well as the legal basis and scope of European law
- European contract law (trade in goods and services, banking and capital market law, consumer protection law)
- European corporate law
- European employment law
- International contract law (UN sales law, CMR, Incoterms)
- International private law or conflict of laws (Rome I Regulation, Rome II- Regulation, EU Succession Regulation)
- International civil procedure law (1968 Brussels Convention, Lugano Convention, Directive (EU) No. 1215/2012 in the Brussels IA Regulation version)
- Foreign trade law

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Knowledge of the basic legal modules M01–M05

Form of assessment

Standard assessment: written examination

Other forms of assessment: oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Dimitra Tekidou-Kühlke, MLE, LL.M.

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl with Prof. Dr. jur. Fahrenhorst LL.M., Prof. Dr. jur. Dendorfer LL.M, MBA, Dr. jur. Niedermeier LL.M (in the 2016/17 winter semester the assignments will be revised by Prof. Dr. Tekidou-Kühlke)

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Dr. Tekidou-Kühlke, MLE, LL.M.,

HS Niederrhein: Prof. Dr. Meyer-Thamer M.E.S.

FH Südwestfalen: RA Olaf Methner

M 11 – Competition Law and Industrial Property Protection (Key Module)

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 11	250 h	10	4th sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Competition Law and Industrial Property Protection (Key Module)	40 h	210 h	10

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, which takes approx. 90 h, includes
 - aa) the transfer and practice of knowledge through assignments (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary courses via VS-Online (revision material and online lexicon of business law as a multimedia revision tool for examination preparation).
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 120 hours, encompasses reading the literature and source references given in the assignments and in the classroom components, the discussion of case studies in study groups, the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life, and the preparation of the presentation.

Contact hours:

- a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 32 hours. During this time, case studies are discussed and any questions students may have from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further eight hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, written examination courses, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 to 30 participants

Qualification objectives

Both intellectual property law and competition law have a variety of points of contact with the typical professional fields of students' activities. In this key module the resulting legal questions are elaborated with reference to the relevant literature and case law.

After completing the module, students should know, in the field of industrial property rights, the rights that can be protected, including requirements for and limits to their protection, and also be familiar with the appropriate drafting of contracts on these rights. This is primarily intended to enable them to create appropriate legal relationships in a meaningful way. In addition, the knowledge and skills acquired should enable students to avoid their own acts of infringement, to recognise acts of infringement by others and to initiate meaningful steps to eliminate them.

After completing the module, the students should, in the field of competition law, initially be familiar with the relevant substantive regulations and procedural rules and be able to analyse the case law issued in this regard. As far as the law against unfair competition is concerned, it is also the aim of the module to enable students to react appropriately to (alleged) competition violations. In the field of antitrust law, they should be able to develop permissible forms of cooperation and options for action.

In addition, they should be able to identify impermissible forms of cooperation and impermissible market behaviour, and know how to counteract them.

Contents

The course first deals with the regulations of patent, utility model, design and trademark law that serve to protect intellectual creation in the commercial sphere. The comprehensive national and European legal regulations issued for this purpose, as well as the relevant international agreements, are dealt with in the course only insofar as they are necessary for the acquisition of the qualification objective. One particular consequence of this restriction is that the procedural questions relevant in connection with the creation of formal property rights (register rights) are only dealt with in part. The focus of the course is on dealing with substantive law. This primarily includes:

- Presentation of subject matter and requirements of the relevant intellectual property law
- Content and limits of the relevant intellectual property law and options for drafting licensing agreements on the relevant intellectual property law, including exercises in drafting contracts
- Legal consequences of a violation of the relevant intellectual property law and the rights holder's options for action

Following the presentation of the intellectual property regulations, the following aspects of competition law are dealt with:

- Importance of EU law for national competition law
- General clause, Section 3 of the Unfair Competition Act (UWG – Gesetz gegen den unlauteren Wettbewerb)

- Misleading advertising, Section 5 UWG
- Comparative advertising, Section 6 UWG
- Unreasonable harassment, Section 7 UWG
- Protection of trade designations
- Prosecution of competition violations under private law
- Case studies on the legally unobjectionable form of advertising measures and the prosecution of competition violations
- National antitrust/competition law
- (Prohibition of anti-competitive agreements, market dominance and anti-competitive behaviour, merger control, antitrust/competition authorities, sanctions)
- European antitrust/competition law
(Art. 101 f. TFEU (Treaty on the Functioning of the EU), Merger Control)
- Case studies on permissible and impermissible forms of cooperation and behaviour on the market

Questions concerning the UWG and EU antitrust/competition law are discussed in greater depth. In contrast, national antitrust/competition law is only mentioned as a supplement. Legal issues concerning copyright are not the subject of this module.

Those issues are dealt with in the Information and Communication Law module.

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Knowledge of the legal modules from the 1st and 2nd semesters

Form of assessment

Regular examination: presentation

Further permitted forms of assessment: written examination, term paper

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Hesse

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Theodor Enders, Prof. Dr. jur. Hesse, Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler,

HS Niederrhein: Dr. Meyer-Thamer

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. Möglich

M 12 – Employment Law (Key Module)

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 12	250 h	10	3rd semester	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Employment Law (Key Module)	40 h	210 h	10

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 120 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through five learning units of the relevant assignment (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including revision material, multimedia courses)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 90 hours
Reading the case law and literature given in the learning units, case processing and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 32 h
Case studies and, if necessary, presentations and term papers
- b) Other, 8 h

Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examinations

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

By participating in the key module in Employment Law, students should acquire in-depth knowledge of individual employment law, collective employment law, public employment law (employment law) and statutory social security law (basics). For this purpose, in addition to further problems related to employment contracts, in particular in the context of vocational education, further topics concerning the right of co-determination and coalitions under employment law are presented, with reference to collective agreement and employment disputes.

This is then intended to allow participants to work on corporate issues that arise in connection with employment, collective and social security issues in the course of everyday operations. One focus of the course will be dealing with the case law and literature listed in the learning units.

Contents

- Vocational training law
- Co-determination law
- Employment-law coalitions
- Statutory occupational safety
- Statutory social insurance

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Knowledge of the basic Employment Law module

Form of assessment

Standard form of examination: written examination.

Other admissible forms of examination: term paper, presentation or oral examination.

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

10/120

Course frequency

Bi-annual

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Hohmeister | FH SWF

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Study assignment:

Prof. Dr. jur. Hohmeister | FH SWF

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: RA.in Dr. jur. Bettina Grünwald |

HS Niederrhein: Anita Bennink, lawyer

FH Südwestfalen: Sigurd Warschkow, specialist lawyer in employment law

Other information

The Employment Law key module (KM) is offered in both the winter and summer semesters (see also above under "Course frequency"). The regular start of this KM would be in the 3rd semester for those students who chose this KM as their first. For those students who would like to take the "Competition Law and Industrial Property Protection" KM at this point in time, the start would be in the 4th semester.

M 13 – Security in Information Technology

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 13	125 h	5	3rd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Security in Information Technology	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 60 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise)
 - bb) supplementary courses (e.g. via VS-Online, multimedia learning units)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 45 h
(Study of literature, discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life)

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 16 h
Clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase. Learning about and assessment of software tools for IT security
- b) Other, 4 h
Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examinations

Group size

Approx. 25 participants

Qualification objectives

In the Security in Information Technology course, students are to be made aware of the dangers that can arise from unauthorised actions on modern information and communication systems – in particular the Internet. Students should become familiar with the most important current protection options for their own data and privacy. Furthermore, they should gain an overview of the state of the art in securing a corporate network. Another goal is the ability to recognise new legal issues resulting from the ubiquity of the Internet and to be able to establish links to the legal subjects.

Contents

Dangers, attacks and risks

Cryptological procedures,
especially symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems

Computer security,
especially entry and access control

Security in networks,
especially firewalls, Internet security, anonymity

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Term paper, presentation, project work

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments:

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke (online course on the W3L platform)

b) Classroom component:

All locations: Prof. Dr. rer. nat. habil. Poguntke

M 14 – Innovation Management

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 14	125 h	5	3rd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Innovation Management	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 60 h
- aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise) bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 45 h

Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 16 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 4 h

Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examinations

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

Students should be able to:

- understand innovation as a complex, holistic topic,
- recognise that innovative entrepreneurial activity can be shaped and is a strategic management task that can make a positive contribution to entrepreneurial success,
- understand basic terms, such as innovations, innovation management, types, goals and characteristics of innovations, and be able to explain them in detail,

- reflect on the economic and business, as well as political and social, significance of innovations in a target-oriented manner.
- know selected and application-related innovation strategies,
- describe the most important phases of innovation management and be able to apply phase-based methods,
- reflect on the advantages and disadvantages of various design alternatives for operational innovation management,
- recognise and know the obstacles and success factors for innovations

know how to deal with them,

- name and reflect on the special aspects of medium-sized companies in dealing with innovation management.
- independently and creatively implement the theories and methods of innovation management that they have learned in practice.

Contents

1. Principles of innovation management;
2. Germany as a location for innovation;
3. Innovation strategies;
4. Processes of innovation management;
5. Design of innovation management in companies;
6. Corporate culture promoting innovation;
7. Successful innovation and obstacles to innovation.

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Written examination / oral examination / presentation / term paper / project work

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments: Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. Swetlana Franken

Hochschule Niederrhein: Dipl.-Psych. Mario Schmitz-Buhl

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. Stelzer-Rothe

M 15 – Conflict Management

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 15	125 h	5	3rd sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Conflict Management	h	h	5

Module type

Compulsory elective module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) Guided knowledge transfer, approx. 60 h
 - aa) knowledge transfer and practice through assignments (lecture and exercise) bb) supplementary courses, e.g. via VS-Online (including exercise material, multimedia courses)
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, approx. 45 h

Reading of literature listed in assignments, case studies and discussion in learning groups, application and consolidation in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) Classroom exercise, 16 h
- Case studies and clarification of students' questions arising from the self-study phase
- b) Other, 4 h

Questions to teaching and/or other staff by phone or e-mail, additional courses in small groups, examinations

Group size

25 participants

Qualification objectives

Indicative target

Students should learn to deal productively with conflicts and recognise them as a necessary part of human coexistence.

Broad objectives

Students should be able to:

- understand the meaning, purpose and usefulness of conflict,
- perceive conflicts,
- know important causes of conflict,
- analyse conflicts thoroughly,
- know and be able to apply sensible solutions and/or de-escalation strategies,
- have tested and reflected on their own conflict behaviour,
- have recognised the beginnings of their own conflict behaviour,
- have received feedback on their own behaviour and
- have recognised their own areas of development for conflict competence.

Contents

1. Principles of conflict management (meaning and perception of conflicts)
2. Principles of psychology (overview of the subject psychology, in-depth psychological knowledge of human nature, disturbed interactions)
3. Conflict diagnosis (types, detection, prevention)
4. Conflict resolution (cases and conflict resolution approaches)

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Written examination / oral examination / presentation / term paper / project work

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments: Prof. Dr. Thomas Stelzer-Rothe

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: TBD (until 2011 Prof. Dr. Stelzer-Rothe)

Hochschule Niederrhein: Prof. Dr. Annette Blöcher

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. Stelzer-Rothe

M 16 – Individual Project – Case Study Contract Law

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 16	125 h	5	1st sem.	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Individual Project – Case Study Contract Law	20 h	105 h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, with a duration of approx. 60 hours, includes
 - aa) the transfer of knowledge and practice through assignments (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary offers via VS-Online (orientation course on business law and online lexicon of business law as multimedia exercise courses).
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 45 hours, encompasses reading the literature and source references given in the assignments and in the classroom components. It also includes the discussion of case studies in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life.

Contact hours:

- a) The total duration of the classroom exercises is 16 h. During this time, a project (case study) is elaborated on in small groups and students' questions arising from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further four hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, written examination courses, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 to 30 participants

Qualification objectives

This module aims to harmonise students' existing legal knowledge from their degree courses and from their professional experience. It therefore begins with a preparatory course on legal working methods, in which legal methodology and typical legal working techniques

(source search, analysis of case law and literature, citation, etc.) are elaborated.

In this module, students acquire knowledge and experience, with the goal of working independently on a case study. They should be able to grasp and classify into legal categories real-world situations from their everyday working life. In addition, they should be able to recognise and evaluate legal risk areas and find solutions.

They will be able to comment on individual aspects of contract law both through an oral presentation (short presentations) and in writing (term paper). After completing this module, they should be able to present contractual matters in a comprehensible manner.

Contents

The subject of this project are case studies in contract law. These include cases from operational practice in which the legally relevant aspects are elaborated out using legal methodology, as well as cases from current case law, which are analysed using legal literature.

1. Preparatory Course in Business Law – Methodology of Legal Work (technique of legal work, general legal working methods and preparation of a legal opinion)
2. Orientation in Business Law (classification of the legal system, selected areas of business law and introduction to legal thinking – assigning facts and determining the legal situation)
3. Orientation in Procedural Law (court organisation in Germany, procedures for alternative dispute resolution, classification of civil law discovery and enforcement proceedings)
4. Case studies for Contract Law (exemplary case studies for contract law with comments on possible solutions using legal methodology - expert opinion style)
5. Project Work on Contract Law (business law topics for independent study in the context of case law and literature – decision analysis and judgement style)

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

None

Form of assessment

Standard test: term paper

other forms of assessment: written examination, oral examination, presentation

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the summer semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignment

Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler

HS Niederrhein: TBD

FH Südwestfalen: RiAG Dr. jur. Stalinski (RiAG – Richter am Amtsgericht – district court judge)

M 17 – Interdisciplinary Project

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
M 17	125 h	5	4th semester	1 semester

Course	Contact hours	Self-study	ECTS credits
Interdisciplinary Project	20 h	105 h	5

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Self-study:

- a) The guided transfer of knowledge, with a duration of approx. 60 hours, includes:
- aa) imparting and practicing knowledge through assignments (lectures and exercises) and
 - bb) supplementary courses via VS-online or ILIAS (exercise material and multimedia courses), depending on the location.
- b) Independent knowledge consolidation, with a duration of approx. 45 hours, encompasses reading the literature and source references given in the assignments and in the classroom components, and additionally the discussion of case studies in learning groups, as well as the application and consolidation of knowledge acquired in professional life.

Contact time:

- a) The total duration of classroom exercises is 16 hours. During this time, an interdisciplinary project (case study) is elaborated in small groups and students' questions arising from the self-study phase are clarified.
- b) A further four hours are reserved for queries to teaching and/or other staff (also by phone or e-mail), supplementary courses in small groups (tutorials, practice examinations, revision courses, etc.) and for examination periods.

Group size

25 to 30 participants

Qualification objectives

The module builds on the "Individual Project - Contract Law Case Study" module. Knowledge of commercial law in the areas of contract law, commercial law and corporate law should be used, and economic issues then taken into account, when working on projects from various areas of law.

Contents

On the one hand, leading court decisions from different areas of law must be processed, whereby – as is regularly the case in practice – the focus of the case can be assigned to a certain area of law, but topics from other areas of law must also be dealt with as preliminary and secondary issues.

On the other hand, business management issues are linked to legal problems from everyday business life. Case scenarios should be addressed, in the form of a business simulation or excerpts from it, not only from a legal point of view, but also taking into account economically relevant aspects.

While a simulation game should be carried out by a larger group of students under the guidance of the teacher, the legal case studies are also suitable for preparation and exercise in small groups and for individual students to work on.

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LLM)

Participation requirements

Mastery of the knowledge acquired in the legal and management modules

Form of assessment

Regular examination: presentation,

Other forms of examination: term paper, written examination, oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Examination pass

Weight of grade in the final grade

5/120

Course frequency

Annual, during the winter semester

Study programme module coordinator

Prof. Dr. jur. Brunhilde Steckler / Prof. Dr. jur. Dimitra Tekidou-Kühlke MLE, LL.M.

Module coordinator in teaching

a) Assignments

Prof. Dr. jur. Kreissl / Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler / Prof. Dr. jur. Tekidou-Kühlke / Prof. Dr. Reichart /
Prof. Dr. Plümer

b) Classroom component:

FH Bielefeld: Prof. Dr. jur. Steckler / Dr. Henseler,

HS Niederrhein: RAin Anita Bennink

FH Südwestfalen: Prof. Dr. Möglich

18 – Master Thesis incl. Colloquium

Module No.	Workload	ECTS credits	Start semester	Duration
18	500 h	20	5th sem.	1 semester

Module type

Compulsory module

Forms of teaching and learning methods

Student work with accompanying faculty tutoring by the examiner

Group size

Regular individual courses and, if necessary, group work

Qualification objectives

The master thesis should demonstrate that the candidate is able to work independently on a practice-oriented task in the field of business law using tried and tested scientific and practical methods within a specified period.

The colloquium, which must be assessed independently, supplements the master thesis and serves to determine whether the candidate is able to verbally present and independently justify the results of the master thesis, its subject-specific principles, its interdisciplinary contexts and its external references, as well as to assess their meaning for practice.

Contents

As part of the master thesis, the candidate prepares an independent thesis in the field of business law using tried and tested scientific and practical methods. They must deal with a practice-oriented task. Building on this, the candidate illustrates - if required to do so - design proposals or possible courses of action. In total, the length of the document should be approx. 100 pages of text of 35 lines each.

In the colloquium, which lasts between 30 and 45 minutes per examinee, the topic of the master thesis, amongst other things, should be discussed with the candidate.

Applicability of the module

Continuing education part-time combined study programme in business law (LL.M.):

Participation requirements

Master thesis: admission as a guest student at one of the universities of applied sciences involved in the relevant part-time combined study programme; min. 90 credit points from course-related module examinations, whereby the remaining 10 credit points may not relate to examinations in subjects that significantly concern the result of the master thesis.

Colloquium: admission as a guest student at one of the universities of applied sciences participating in the relevant part-time combined study programme; pass in all course-related module examinations; master thesis graded at least sufficient.

Form of assessment

Master thesis: Independent form of assessment Colloquium: Oral examination

Conditions for the award of credit points

Pass in the relevant examination

Weight of grade in the final grade

Master thesis: 15/120

Colloquium: 5/120

Course frequency

Study programme module coordinator

Teaching staff of the relevant part-time combined study programme

Module coordinator in teaching

Teaching staff of the relevant part-time combined study programme

Other information

The examinations are carried out by two examiners. The faculty tutor must be a legal scholar. An examiner must be a professor of the faculty involved in the part-time combined study programmes.