

MASTER OF LAWS IN BUSINESS LAW

Main Language of Instruction:

French English Arabic

Campus Where The Program Is Offered: Dubai International Academic City, Block 11, Ground Floor

OBJECTIVES

The program equips students with in-depth knowledge and the necessary skills related to complex legal concepts in the field of Business Law.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

The program aims to develop students’ analytical and critical skills, as well as their oral communication and research abilities. This is achieved through various assessments, including oral presentations on various business law topics, the application of legal knowledge to solve business law issues, conducting legal research on business law topics, and analyzing key issues related to corporate law.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold a recognized Bachelor’s degree and a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (American system) or its equivalent. However, the University may conditionally admit students if they hold a recognized Bachelor’s degree and a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (American system) or its equivalent, as remedial preparation for the program. Students with a recognized baccalaureate degree and a TOEFL scores below 550, or its equivalent on another standardized test approved by the Commission, may be conditionally admitted to the Master’s program. These students must successfully pass the mandatory interview with a faculty member, as specified in the general program requirements, and must meet the following criteria by the end of their first semester in order to continue in the program:

- a) Achieve an EmSAT score of 1400 or equivalent by the end of the first semester of study;
- b) Register in a maximum of 12 ECTS credits during the first semester of study, excluding intensive English courses;
- c) Achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses (60 credits)

Intellectual Property Law (6 Cr.). Digital Technologies, Privacy and Security (4 Cr.). Drafting and Negotiating International Oil and Gas Service Contracts (4 Cr.). Corporate and Financial Crimes (4 Cr.). Company Law (4 Cr.). International Energy Dispute Resolution (4 Cr.). Mergers and Acquisitions Law (4 Cr.). Corporate Governance (4 Cr.). Banking Law and Islamic Finance (6 Cr.). Capital Markets (6 Cr.). Academic Research Project (14 Cr.).

SUGGESTED STUDY PLAN

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Credits
2121101M1	Intellectual Property Law	6
2121102M2	Digital Technologies, Privacy and Security	4
2121103M1	Drafting and Negotiating International Oil and Gas Service Contracts	4
2121113M1	Corporate and Financial Crimes	4
2121106M1	Company Law	4
	Total	22

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Credits
2121104M2	International Energy Dispute Resolution	4
2121107M1	Mergers and Acquisitions Law	4
2121108M2	Corporate Governance	4
2121109M2	Banking Law and Islamic Finance	6
2121110M2	Capital Markets	6
	Total	24

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Credits
2121111M3	Academic Research Project	14

COURSE DESCRIPTION

2121101M1	Intellectual Property Law	6 Cr.
<p>This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of intellectual property (IP) law. The first part of the course examines the requirements and scope of protection for each type of IP rights (Copyright, Patent, and Trademark). It considers the applicable protection regimes and provisions from the perspective of international law (international treaties), along with a comparative approach to national legal frameworks. This part also examines relevant IP provisions in UAE laws and case within this framework. The second part of the course covers the management and exploitation of IP rights as assets that can be transferred, licensed, or contributed to a joint venture. It explains and discusses how to effectively draft contracts and key provisions in IP-focused agreements: assignment/license/non-disclosure agreement/technology transfer agreement.</p>		
2121102M2	Digital Technologies, Privacy and Security	4 Cr.
<p>This course prepares students for the growing legal demands presented by emerging technology and examines the digital transformation of business and society through cloud computing, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain. It also explores the different aspects of the interaction between technology and policy, focusing on privacy and security issues (data protection, information privacy and digital security). The course also covers current and potential legal and regulatory strategies for achieving objectives such as data protection, ethical artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. It considers the legal framework from both domestic and international perspectives.</p>		
2121103M1	Drafting and Negotiating International Oil and Gas Service Contracts	4 Cr.
<p>This course covers the key principles of drafting and negotiating energy international oil and gas service contracts from a legal practitioner's perspective. Students will gain an overview of the typical content of these contracts and learn the strategies and techniques used in negotiations, with the goal of familiarizing them with the practical aspects of such contracts.</p>		
2121113M1	Corporate and Financial Crimes	4 Cr.
<p>This course examines key corporate and financial crimes under UAE laws, with a comparative approach to EU, UK and American laws. Students will gain a better understanding of general corporate offenses like breach of trust, money laundering, bribery, and illegal taking of interest. The course also addresses specific corporate and financial offenses related to bankruptcy, competition law, consumer law, and stock market laws and regulations.</p>		

2121106M1	Company Law	4 Cr.
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This course provides students with an in-depth overview of the capital structure of a company. It covers the legal capital system, the nature of shares and class rights, loan capital, and the blurred boundaries between equity and debt. The course also explores some legal issues related to the separation of ownership from control.

2121104M2	International Energy Dispute Resolution	4 Cr.
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This course provides students with a theoretical and practical understanding of energy-related disputes and their resolution. It focuses on disputes in the international energy sector, including those arising from regional and international oil and gas business, as well as issues related to the infrastructure of these sectors. The course also examines the general principles of conflict of laws in private international law, and offers a comprehensive overview of international arbitration, which is the primary method for resolving cross-border commercial and investment disputes in the international energy sector. The course covers both procedural and substantive law aspects of arbitration from both an international and a local perspective. Additionally, the course addresses the specific nature of international energy disputes, including investor-State and commercial disputes, as well as procedural issues in international energy arbitration.

2121107M1	Mergers and Acquisitions Law	4 Cr.
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This course provides students with an in-depth overview of the laws and regulations of mergers & acquisitions (M&A). It explores the interests of key players and main stakeholders, the main applicable regulations, takeovers and defenses, risk allocation and legal responsibilities. The course also covers acquisition agreements, and addresses the most important issues relevant to M&A transactions.

2121108M2	Corporate Governance	4 Cr.
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Corporate governance refers to the relationships between the management of a company, its board, its shareholders and other stakeholders. It establishes the structure for setting corporate objectives, implementing strategies to achieve them, and monitoring the company's performance.

This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of global best practices in corporate governance, including corporate structures, legal and regulatory frameworks, the board of directors, executive management, ownership and the role of shareholders, reporting and auditing, stakeholders' interests, and corporate social responsibility.

2121109M2	Banking Law and Islamic Finance	6 Cr.
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This course provides students with an in-depth overview of the banking system in the UAE, based on both conventional and Islamic banking and finance. It examines the legal framework of licensed financial institutions in the UAE, including banks authorized to undertake licensed financial activities, as well as the regulatory and supervisory led by the Central Bank. The course also covers some legal issues related to international banking.

2121110M2	Capital Markets	6 Cr.
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This course provides a thorough understanding of the main aspects of capital markets laws in the UAE and internationally. It explains the functioning of financial markets, the framework of securities regulation, and the role of stock markets, governmental regulators, financial institutions, and other intermediaries. Students will study securitization, the clearing and settlement of securities transactions, market indexes, and the importance of information in capital markets. The course also covers the practicalities of both equity and debt securities offerings, including the issuance of shares or bonds in primary markets and trading and investment in secondary markets. Additionally, students will explore other financially innovative transactions involving the use of derivatives in international capital markets.

2121111M3	Academic Research Projects	14 Cr.
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This course enables students to acquire an in-depth knowledge of a selected topic and develop critical thinking, writing skills, and research abilities, as they work on their individual thesis proposals. The thesis topic must align with themes of the courses studied throughout semester one and two.