

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 aims at developing in-depth knowledge and skills in connection with complex legal concepts in the field of Business Law.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

The program aims at developing the analytical and critical skills of the students, as well as their oral communication and research abilities. This is achieved through various assessments related to oral presentations on various business law topics, 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

The University admits students to its Master of Laws in Business Law program if they 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 established 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 established equivalent, as remedial preparation for the program. Students with a recognized baccalaureate degree and a TOEFL scores under 550 or its equivalent on another standardized test approved by the Commission, may be conditionally admitted to the Master's program. Such students must nevertheless successfully pass the mandatory interview with a faculty member mentioned in the general requirements to the program and must meet the following requirements 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 student's first semester of study;
- b) may take a maximum of 12 ECTS credits during the first semester of study, not including intensive English courses;
- c) achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its established equivalent.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

60 credits required courses

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.

This course aims at providing the students with an in-depth understanding of intellectual property (IP) law. The first part of the course will examine the requirements and scope of protection for each type of IP rights (Copyright, Patent, and Trademark). The course will consider the applicable protection regimes and provisions from the perspective of international law (international treaties), along with a comparative approach of national legal frameworks. Relevant IP provisions in UAE laws and case law will be examined and discussed within this framework. The second part of the course will cover the management and exploitation of IP rights as assets that can be transferred, licensed, or contributed in a joint venture. The course will explain and discuss how to effectively draft contracts and key provisions in IP-focused agreements: assignment/license/non-disclosure agreement/technology transfer agreement.

2121102M2 Digital Technologies, Privacy and Security 4Cr.

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 around the topics of privacy and security (data protection, information privacy and digital security). The course covers current and potential legal and regulatory strategies that can be used to achieve aims such as data protection, ethical artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. It considers the legal framework from both a domestic and an international perspective.

2121103M1 Drafting and Negotiating International Oil and Gas Service Contracts 4 Cr.

This course will explore the basic principles of drafting Energy International Oil and Gas Service Contracts, as well as the strategies and techniques for negotiating such contracts, from a legal practitioner's perspective. It provides students with a general overview of the typical content of Energy International Oil and Gas Service Contracts and how they are negotiated with the aim of familiarizing students with such negotiations.

2121113M1 Corporate and Financial Crimes 4 Cr.

This course deals with some of the main corporate and financial crimes and covers 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 the illegal taking of interest. The course will also address specific corporate and financial offenses related to bankruptcy, competition law, consumer law, and stock market laws and regulations.


2121106M1**Company Law****4 Cr.**

This course provides students with an in-depth overview of the capital structure of a company. The discussions will examine the legal capital system, the nature of shares and class rights, loan capital, and the blurred boundaries between equity and debt. The course also covers some legal issues surrounding the separation of ownership from control.

2121104M2**International Energy Dispute Resolution****4 Cr.**

This course provides the students with a theoretical and practical understanding of energy-related disputes and their resolution. A special focus is placed on disputes encountered in the international energy sector, including those arising from regional and international oil and gas business, as well as those related to the infrastructure of both regional and international energy sectors. The course examines the general principles governing the conflict of laws in private international law and aims at providing students with a rigorous overview of international arbitration, which has become the default means of settling 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. The course also deals with the specific nature of international energy disputes, including investor-State and commercial disputes in the energy sector, as well as procedural issues in international energy arbitration.

2121107M1**Mergers and Acquisitions Law****4 Cr.**

This course provides students with an in-depth overview of the laws and regulations of mergers & acquisitions (M&A). The discussions will examine 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, along with the most important issues relevant to M&A deals.

2121108M2**Corporate Governance****4 Cr.**


Corporate governance involves a set of relationships between the management of a company, its board, its shareholders and other stakeholders. It provides the structure through which the objectives of the company are set, the means of attaining those objectives are implemented and the performance of the company is monitored. This course provides students with an in-depth view of global best practices in corporate governance, corporate structures, legal and regulatory frameworks of corporate governance, 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.**

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. The discussions will examine 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 bodies headed by Central Bank. The course also covers some legal issues related to international banking.

2121110M2**Capital Markets****6 Cr.**

This course provides a thorough understanding of the main aspects of capital markets laws in the UAE and internationally. In particular, students will learn how the financial markets work, the framework of securities regulation, the role of stock markets, governmental regulators, financial institutions and other financial intermediaries. They will also study the mechanism of securitization, the process of clearing and settlement of securities transactions, the function of market indexes, as well as the importance of information in the context of capital markets. The course will address the practicalities of both equity and debt securities offerings, covering 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.

This module aims to enable students to acquire an in-depth knowledge of a selected topic and develop critical thinking, writing skills and research abilities while developing their individual thesis proposals. The topic covered by the dissertation should relate to the thematic of the courses studied throughout semester one and two.

