

## 27740 - Fundamentals of Law

### Syllabus Information

**Academic year:** 2023/24

**Subject:** 27740 - Fundamentals of Law

**Faculty / School:** 102 - Facultad de Derecho

**Degree:** 421 - Degree in Law

**ECTS:** 3.0

**Year:** 4

**Semester:** First semester

**Subject type:** Optional

**Module:**

### 1. General information

English is the *lingua franca* in the context of globalization. A specialized branch of English used in the world of law and business is *International Legal English*, characterized by its particular lexicon, its grammatical specialties and its own locutions and turns of phrase. The subject introduces students to the basic vocabulary of the legal field and familiarizes them with its most important texts and materials (regulations and jurisprudence)..

These approaches and objectives are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations agenda. Thus, the acquisition of the learning results of the subject provides training and competence to contribute to some extent to Goal 16: peace, justice and strong institutions.

### 2. Learning results

The student, in order to pass this subject, must demonstrate the following learning results:

1. Understand texts on basic legal issues written in English in an effective manner and efficiently.
2. Know the meaning and conceptual equivalence of the basic terms of the main areas of law in English.

### 3. Syllabus

Topic 1: Sources of Law

Topic 2: The Court System

Topic 3: Human Rights

Topic 4: Constitutional & Administrative Law

Topic 5: Criminal Law

Topic 6: Real Estate Law D

Topic 7: Inheritance Law

Topic 8: Public International Law

Topic 9: EU Law

Topic 10: Company Law

Topic 11: Contract Law

Topic 12: Antitrust Law

Topic 13: Intellectual Property Rights

### 4. Academic activities

Face-to-face activities:

Theoretical classes: 15 hours

Practical classes: 15 hours

Non-face-to-face activities

Study of the subject; class preparation; practical activities: 43 hours

Preparation for the final exam: 2 hours

Total workload: 75 hours (3 ECTS)

### 5. Assessment system

## I. MIXED SYSTEM

It consists of the following assessment activities:

### a) Evaluation of activities carried out during the term

During the four-month period, students must actively participate in classes and pass three successive exercises in response to short questions, multiple-choice quizzes or other written comprehension exercises on short texts, respectively.

### b) Final written test

The final written test constitutes 50% of the final grade. It consists of a single test consisting of any of the following three options:

- a. direct translation (English-Spanish) of a 150-word text;
- b. the completion of a reading comprehension exercise of a legal text (see a);

## II. SIMPLE SYSTEM BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON A FINAL GLOBAL TEST

The final global test will cover all the contents of the syllabus and will be developed in two parts:

1. A direct translation (English-Spanish) of a 150-word text. For the evaluation of the translation, the lexical, grammatical, punctuation and syntactic coincidence between the original and translated texts will be taken into account,
2. A 15-question multiple-choice *test* with no penalty for errors, consisting of the identification of specialized legal terms.

For the theoretical test the student will not be allowed to handle any auxiliary material. Its duration will not exceed 45 minutes.

The overall grade of the subject will be given by the average of the grades of both tests, being the value of both of them 50%. The weighted average will not be calculated if a student does not show up and/or does not pass the two tests that make up the global test.