



**RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW**

Course Outline

Course number	RBB407				
Course title	European Company Law				
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV)				
Total hours	80				
Contact hours	32				
Independent studies	48				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Alessio Bartolacelli	Associate professor - PhD	Visiting professor

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Alessio Bartolacelli	Associate professor - PhD	Visiting professor
Sara Addamo	Lecturer - PhD	Visiting lecturer

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course aims at presenting the most relevant features of business and business organisations from a legal point of view. We will focus mainly on companies, identifying their main characters from a European and comparative perspective. Therefore, the topics will be presented with an approach based on the main principles of company and corporate law, and with a focus on the comparative profiles and the European experience. Over the course, students will be instructed with the basic principles of business organisations: sole enterprises,

partnerships, companies and cooperative societies. We will present some widespread regulatory profiles extensively present in many legislations, focusing in particular on European Member States. Some key rules coming from the European legislation on companies will also be considered.

GRADING CRITERIA

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>
Intermediate test on part 1 during session 10 (sessions 1 to 9)	50%
Final paper on part 2 (sessions 10 to 16)	50%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to attend mandatorily all classes with a possibility to miss 4 out of 16 sessions; when missing a class, getting the notes from a colleague is always strongly suggested. Students who miss more than 4 sessions overall are not admitted to the final exam.

During session 10, students will sit a midterm test that will cover the full scope of the subject matter covered in the course till that point.

The final exam will cover the full scope of the subject matter covered in the course in sessions from 10 to 16.

The final grade will be the average between the midterm test and final exam grades.

The intermediate test will be 10 questions, closed-book multiple choice test, held during session 10, with the set time limit of 30 minutes.

The final exam will be an in-class closed book exam with two open-ended questions, covering the subject matters as above described, to be answered within the set time limit of 60 minutes.

Students who fail the exam (i.e.: average grade of midterm test and final exam below 4/10) are given the possibility to sit for a re-exam that will cover the full scope of the subject matter covered in the course (sessions 1 to 16). The re-exam will consist in two to three open-ended questions, closed-book, with a set time limit of 60 minutes,

All the exams will be evaluated on the basis of knowledge provided during the course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1	Introduction to business organisations	2
2	Sole entrepreneur, partnerships and cooperative societies	4

3	Companies and company law in general (private/public). The purpose of a company	4
4	Setting-up, disclosure and financial issues in company law	8
5	Internal structure and corporate governance issues	10
6	Companies and sustainability – Sustainability reports and further European initiatives in the field	2