

Introduction to Business Law (A005646)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 3.0

Study time 90 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)

Dutch

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Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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RE21

lecturer-in-charge

Callens, Evariest

RE21

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology(main subject Mathematics)	3	A
Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture(main subject Architectural Design and Construction Techniques)	3	A
Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Business Economics(main subject Business Economics)	3	A
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (main subject Communication and Information Technology)	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Control Engineering and Automation)	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Electrical Power Engineering)	3	A
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (main subject Electronic Circuits and Systems)	3	A
Master of Science in Operations Research Engineering(main subject Manufacturing and Supply Chain Engineering)	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Maritime Engineering)	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Mechanical Construction)	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Mechanical Energy Engineering)	3	A
Master of Science in Operations Research Engineering(main subject Transport and Mobility Engineering)	3	A
Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture(main subject Urban Design and Architecture)	3	A
Master of Science in Chemical Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Chemical Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Civil Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Civil Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture	3	A
Master of Science in Engineering Physics	3	A
Master of Science in Engineering Physics	3	A
Master of Science in Fire Safety Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Industrial Design Engineering Technology	3	A
Master of Science in Materials Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Mathematics	3	A
Master of Science in Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Operations Research Engineering	3	A
Master of Science in Sustainable Materials Engineering	3	A
Master of Arts in Multilingual Business Communication	3	A

Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Advanced	3	A
Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Foundations	3	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Trader, trade intermediaries, bankruptcy, companies, legal personality, capital, financing, governance, general meeting, trade practices, antitrust

Position of the course

This course aims to give students a general understanding of certain aspects of business life. Whenever students are confronted with issues concerning the functioning, the structure and the interests of a company, they will be able to view them in the proper context.

Contents

The course encompasses the major issues of business life. The first part focuses on the legal status of the merchant and the consequences thereof, business intermediaries and distribution contracts, the termination of the business activity and bankruptcy and judicial composition.

The most important part of this course focuses on corporations, with special attention to the public company limited by shares and the private company limited by shares. The following issues are examined: the concept of legal personality, the legal sense of capital, management, the general meeting of shareholders, supervision and corporate finance.

Corporations must comply with various rules of Economic law. In that regard, the course focuses on three issues: rules on commercial practices, price regulation and competition law.

Initial competences

As this course is taught to students coming from various disciplines, many of them never having been acquainted with the majority of the issues taught, no prerequisite knowledge is expected.

Final competences

- 1 CONCEPTS: trader, bankruptcy, public and private company limited by shares
- 2 skills: students must be able to apply the theoretical knowledge on practical cases
- 3 attitudes: developing a critical attitude regarding proposed solutions

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures. Class recordings available.

Study material

None

References

E. DIRIX, R. STEENNOT en H. VANHEES, Handels- en economisch recht in hoofdlijnen, Antwerpen, Intersentia, 2019.

Course content-related study coaching

Lecturer and assistants are at the student's disposal for course-related questions.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark