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Curriculum for the  
**Master's Programme Business Law**  
at the Faculty of Law at the University of Innsbruck

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## § 1 Classification of the study programme

According to §54 par. 1 of the Universities Act 2002 the Master's Programme Business Law is grouped among the jurisprudential study programmes.

## § 2 Qualification profile

The Master's Programme Business Law serves the scientific professional training of law students for economy and economy-related professions. Graduates of this study programme have an advanced legal knowledge with regards to contents and methodology as well as specific knowledge of business law and economic science. They are able to independently deal with demanding legal and economic problems based on legal methods of problem-solving. These advanced problem-solving skills acquired based on their university education enable them to work scientifically sound in all job fields related to business law, on national as well as international level. Because of the wide range and the depth of the legal knowledge acquired, the Master's Programme Business Law qualifies its graduates just like the Bachelor's Programme Business Law for further training in classic jobs in law, such as solicitor, lawyer, judge, federal prosecutor, administrative lawyer.

## § 3 Scope and duration

The Master's Programme Business Law covers 120 ECTS-Credits. This corresponds to a duration of four semesters. One ECTS-Credit corresponds to a work load of 25 hours.

## § 4 Admission

- (1) Admission to the Master's Programme Business Law requires a relevant Bachelor's degree awarded by a University or a University of Applied Sciences ("Fachhochschule") or a relevant degree acquired at a recognised post-secondary educational institution home or abroad.
- (2) A relevant Bachelor's programme is in any case the Bachelor's Programme in Business Law at the University of Innsbruck. The rectorate decides on study programmes in question or on the equivalence of a study programme passed at a post-secondary educational institution home or abroad for the admission to the Master's programme based on the regulations of the Universities Act.
- (3) In the event that equivalence has been established in principle but with certain qualifications missing for full equivalence, supplemental examinations may be required by the rectorate. These examinations must be passed during the respective master's programme.

## § 5 Types of courses and maximum numbers of students per course

- (1) Courses without continuous performance assessment: **Lectures** (VO) are courses held in lecture format and courses without continuous performance assessment. They introduce the research areas, methods and schools of thought for a given subject.
- (2) Courses with continuous performance assessment:
  1. **Introductory seminars** (PS) introduce students interactively to scientific literature through the treatment of selected issues. They convey knowledge and methods of academic work. Maximum number of participants: 40
  2. **Seminars** (SE) provide in-depth treatment of scientific topics through students' presentations and discussion thereof. Maximum number of participants: 40
  3. **Lectures** with practical elements (VU) focus on the practical treatment of concrete scientific tasks that are discussed during the lecture parts of the course. Maximum number of participants: 160

## § 6 Allocation of places in courses with a limited number of participants

In courses with a limited number of participants, course places are allocated as follows:

1. Students for whom the study duration would be extended due to the postponement are to be given priority.
2. If the criterion in No. 1 does not suffice, first, students who pass this course as part of a compulsory module come first, then students that pass the course as part of an elective module.
3. If the criteria in No. 1 and No. 2 do not suffice, then the places are raffled.

## § 7 Compulsory and elective modules

(1) The following compulsory modules corresponding to 85 ECTS-Credits must be passed:

1.	Compulsory Module: Labour Law	h	ECTS-Credits
	<b>VO Labour Law – Advanced Course</b>	3	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed the module, students have advanced scientific and job-related knowledge of the Austrian and European Labour Law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

2.	Compulsory Module: Private Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	<b>VO Law of Succession</b>	1	2
b.	<b>VO Family Law</b>	1	2
c.	<b>VO International Private Law</b>	1	2
d.	<b>SE Seminar in Private Law</b>	1	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have scientific and job-related knowledge of the family law and the law of succession as well as advanced knowledge of the property law and civil law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

3.	Compulsory Module: Civil Procedure Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	<b>VO Civil Procedure Law (Contentious Matters)</b>	2	3.5
b.	<b>VO Law of Enforcement</b>	1	2
c.	<b>VO Insolvency Law</b>	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have scientific and job-related knowledge of civil procedure law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

4.	Compulsory Module: European Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO European Law – Advanced Course	2	4
b.	VO European Competition Law	1	1.5
c.	VO European Legal Protection System	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have an advanced knowledge of the single European market (fundamental freedom, harmonisation of rights and selected sectorial policies), the competition regulations related to it (in particular cartel bank, prohibition of market-dominating positions, benefit schemes, public businesses) and legal protection in the Union (for example, possible legal action before the European Court of Justice, preliminary ruling procedure, preliminary legal protection). Thanks to this knowledge, they are able to independently solve complex union-related problems.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

5.	Compulsory Module: Constitutional and Administrative Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Constitutional Principles, Functions and Organisation	2	4
b.	VO Fundamental Rights and Legal Protection	2	4
c.	VO Administrative Procedure and Administrative Court Procedure - Advanced Course I	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have an advanced knowledge of the Austrian constitutional law as well as the administrative and court procedures, which enables them to solve problems in the field of constitutional and procedural law of administrative authorities and courts in a scientific and practical way.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

6.	Compulsory Module: Criminal Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Criminal Law – General Part II (Sanctions)	1	2.5
b.	VO Criminal Procedure Law I (without Appeal Procedure)	1	2.5
c.	VO Criminal Procedure Law II (Appeal Procedure)	1	2.5
d.	VO Financial Criminal Procedure	2	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have scientific and job-related knowledge of sanction law, of the criminal procedure law and financial criminal proceedings of authorities and courts.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

7.	<b>Compulsory Module: Private Aspects of Business Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VO Private Aspects of Business Law I</b>	2	4
<b>b.</b>	<b>VO Private Aspects of Business Law II</b>	2	3.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have an advanced knowledge of private aspects of business law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

8.	<b>Compulsory Module: Tax Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VO Tax Law</b>	2	2.5
<b>b.</b>	<b>VO Specialisation Corporate Tax Law</b>	2	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> The tax declaration process from tax return to tax audits to tax bills are dealt with in a practice-orientated way. Possibilities of legal protection (BFG, VwGH, VfGH, European Court) are presented. Special topics relating to business taxes (income tax and corporate tax, VAT, real estate transfer tax, corporate restructuring tax law) and international tax law (DBA, mother-daughter regulations and merger regulations, legal regulations of the European Court) are dealt with in a practice-orientated way. Insights into the tasks of conventional trustees (WirtschaftstreuhänderInnen), commercial lawyers and tax departments are given.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

9.	<b>Compulsory Module: Public International Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VO Public International Law I</b>	2	3.5
<b>b.</b>	<b>VO International Business Law</b>	2	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have a scientifically grounded and job-related knowledge relating to the characteristics, the fundamentals, the legal sources and subjects of the Public International Law, the relationship between Public International Law and International Law of states as well as the fundamentals of Human Rights in general, as well as the fundamental of International Economic Law and the regulations of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in particular. This knowledge enables the students to systematically grasp Public International Law and International Business Law and solve simple problems relating to Public International Law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

10.	<b>Compulsory Module: Organisation and Human Resource Management - Specialisation</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
a.	<b>VO Human Resource Management</b>	2	5
b.	<b>PS Current Developments in Organisational Design</b>	1	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have knowledge in social studies and behavioural studies in relation to organisation and human resource management. In particular, they understand and can apply theories and practices of management, human communication, dealing with conflicts and structuring of work in organisations. Moreover, the students have an advanced knowledge of current practice in organisational design.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

11.	<b>Compulsory Module: Accounting and Corporate Valuation</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
a.	<b>VO Accounting and Corporate Valuation</b>	2	5
b.	<b>PS Accounting and Corporate Valuation</b>	1	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have an advanced knowledge in the field of accounting and basic knowledge of the different valuation methods and standards within business valuation and if compared to balancing of accounts.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

12.	<b>Compulsory Module: Research Colloquium for the Master's Thesis</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
	<b>SE Research Colloquium for Master's Thesis</b>	2	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Graduates are able to conceptually design, implement and present the results a scientific study in different contexts.</p>			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> successful completion of the module, the topic of the thesis is taken from.			

(2) Elective modules corresponding to 15 ECTS-Credits must be passed:

<b>1.</b>	<b>Elective Module: Labour and Social Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VO Human Resource Management – Legal Framework</b>	1	1.5
<b>b.</b>	<b>VO Social Law – Advanced</b>	2	4
<b>c.</b>	<b>VO European and International Labour and Social Law</b>	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced scientific and job-related knowledge of the Austrian and European Labour and Social Law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> successful completion of compulsory module 1			

<b>2.</b>	<b>Elective Module: International and European Business Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VO International and European Business Law - Advanced Course</b>	2	3
<b>b.</b>	<b>VO International Arbitration</b>	1	2
<b>c.</b>	<b>VU International and European Business Law – Advanced Study based on Current Cases</b>	1	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced practice-relevant knowledge of International and European Business Law including international arbitration. This knowledge enables them to independently solve problems in business law beyond the borders of a state.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> successful completion of compulsory modules 4 and 9			

<b>3.</b>	<b>Elective Module: Corporate Law – Specialisation</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>VU Foundation of an Enterprise</b>	2	2
<b>b.</b>	<b>VU Company Succession - M&amp;A</b>	2	2
<b>c.</b>	<b>VU Corporate Restructuring Law</b>	1	1.5
<b>d.</b>	<b>VU Legal Aspects of Business Financing</b>	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced knowledge of the legal framework in relation to incorporation of an enterprise, corporate succession – M&A, corporate restructuring and financing.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

4.	Elective Module: Insurance Law and Banking Industry	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Insurance Law	2	2
b.	VU Banking Industry	2	2
c.	VU Insurance Law and Banking Industry – Advanced Course	2	3.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have a scientific and job-related knowledge of the bank supervision and bank contract law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

5.	Elective Module: History of Law and Philosophy of Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Fundamentals of the History of Law in Consideration of the History of Business Law	2	2.5
b.	VO Philosophy, Theory and Methods of Law	2	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have basic knowledge of the history of law in consideration of the history of business law and basic knowledge of the philosophy of law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

6.	Elective Module: Italian Law (Private Law)	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Introduction to Italian Law and Legal Terminology	2	3.5
b.	VO Italian Private Law	1	2
c.	VO Italian Civil Procedure Law	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have knowledge of Italian Law and Italian terminology of law in general as well of Italian Private Law and Italian Civil Procedure Law. Students have a scientific and application-orientated competence for solving problems in Austrian-Italian legal relations.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			



7.	<b>Elective Module: Italian Law (Public Law)</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
a.	<b>VO Italian Public Law</b>	2	3.5
b.	<b>VO Italian Criminal and Criminal Procedure Law</b>	1	2
c.	<b>VO Italian Tax Law</b>	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have knowledge of Italian Public Law, Italian Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law and Italian Tax Law. Students have a scientific and application-orientated competence for solving problems in Austrian-Italian legal relations.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

8.	<b>Elective Module: Special Fields of Civil Procedure Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
a.	<b>VO European and International Civil Procedure</b>	2	4
b.	<b>VO Insolvency Law and Company Reorganisation</b>	1	2
c.	<b>VO Procedures except Litigation (In Particular Land Register and Company Register Procedures)</b>	1	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced scientific and job-related knowledge in special fields of civil procedure law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

9.	<b>Elective Module: Special Fields of Administrative Law with a Focus on Particularities of Public Commercial Law</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ECTS-Credits</b>
a.	<b>VO Specific Fields of Administrative Law – Advanced Course I</b>	2	4
b.	<b>VO Public Procurement Law and State Aid Law</b>	1	1.5
c.	<b>VO Regulatory Law</b>	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced knowledge of current and practice-related fields of the administrative law and the competition law, which enables them to systematically understand these fields and to solve complex problems.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

10.	Elective Module: Specialisation Contract Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Civil Law - Advanced Course 1: Contract Law	2	4
b.	VO Contract Drafting	2	3.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced knowledge of contract law, which enables them to put the legal framework into practice to recognize border-crossing problems and to solve them.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

11.	Elective Module: Foreign Law	h	ECTS-Credits
	VO Fundamentals of Foreign Legal Systems	4	7.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have basic knowledge of selected foreign law systems and understand the complexity of border-crossing legal issues.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

12.	Elective Module: European Private Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO European and International Harmonisation of Private Law	3	5.5
b.	UE European and International Harmonisation of Private Law	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have advanced scientific and job-related knowledge of the particularities of the European Private Law.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

13.	Elective Module: Public Management	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Fundamentals of Public Management	2	4
b.	PS Concepts and Instruments of Public Management	1	3.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> Having passed this module, students have knowledge of business-management fundamentals of managing public administrations in a national and international context and of the business-management concepts, methods and instruments for managing political-administrative systems, based on examples of administrative practice.			
<b>Prerequisites:</b> none			

14.	Elective Module: Interdisciplinary Skills	h	ECTS-Credits
	Providing the availability of places, courses corresponding to 7.5 ECTS-Credits can be selected from the curricula of the diploma and master's programmes at the University of Innsbruck. At least one course must be selected from the Faculty of Law's offer in the field of gender or women's or gender research.		7.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>7.5</b>
	<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> This module aims at expanding the study programme and at the acquisition of additional qualifications. Students have qualifications which enable them to play a part in constructive scientific discourse beyond the limits of their own discipline and with the required sensitivity for gender aspects.		
	<b>Prerequisites:</b> The requirements specified by the respective curricula must be met.		

### § 8 Master's Thesis

- (1) In the Master's programme a Master's Thesis corresponding to 20 ECTS-Credits must be written. The Master's Thesis is a scientific piece of work that proves the ability to work on a scientific topic independently and in a justifiable way in terms of content and methodology.
- (2) The topic for the Master's Thesis must come from the topical areas covered in compulsory modules 1 to 9 and/or elective modules 1 to 12. The topic is only allocated once the module, the topic is taken from, has been successfully completed.
- (3) Students are entitled to suggest a topic for their Master's Thesis or to select from a number of suggestions.
- (4) Students are entitled to write the Master's Thesis in a foreign language, if the supervisor agrees to it.
- (5) Several students can work on a topic, providing the possibility of evaluating the performance of the individual students.
- (6) A completed Master's Thesis must be evaluated within two months of its submission.

### § 9 Examination regulations

- (1) The performance for the modules
  1. Compulsory Module Labour Law (§7 par. 1 no.1)
  2. Compulsory Module European Law (§7 par. 1 no. 4)
  3. Compulsory Module Constitutional and Administrative Law (§7 par. 1 no. 5)
  4. Compulsory Module Criminal Law (§7 par. 1 no. 6)
  5. Compulsory Module Private Aspects of Business Law (§7 par. 1 no. 7)
  6. Compulsory Module Tax Law (§7 par. 1 no. 8)
  7. Compulsory Module Public International Law (§7 par. 1 no. 9)
  8. Compulsory Module Organisation and Human Resource Management - Specialisation (§7 par. 1 no. 10)
  9. Compulsory Module Accounting and Corporate Valuation (§7 par. 1 no. 11)
  10. Compulsory Module Supervision of the Master's Thesis (§7 par. 1 no. 12)
  11. Elective Modules § 7 par. 2 no. 1–14.  
is evaluated by course examinations.
- (2) The performance of the Compulsory Module Private Law (§7 par. 1 no. 2) is evaluated
  1. by an overall oral examination of the subject matter of the courses of §7 par. 1 no. 2 lit. a–c,

2. by a course examination for the course of §7 par. 1 no. 2 lit. d.
3. The positive evaluation of the course acc. to §7 par. 1 no. 2 lit. d is no precondition for registering for the overall examination acc. to no. 1.
- (3) The performance of the Compulsory Module Civil Procedure Law (§7 par. 1. no 3) is evaluated by an oral overall exam on the subject matter of the module.
- (4) Course examinations are
  1. Examinations that assess the knowledge and skills covered by an individual course and where the performance is assessed by a single examination at the end of the course. The course lecturer must specify and communicate the examination method (written or oral) before the start of the course.
  2. Courses with continuous performance assessment, for which the performance assessment is based on regular written and/or oral contributions by the participants. The course lecturer must communicate the assessment criteria before the start of the course.
- (5) Overall examinations are examinations which serve the knowledge and skills acquired in more than one course of the module.
- (6) The course lecturers have to inform the students on the objectives, contents and methods of their courses as well as of the contents and methods, evaluation criteria and standards of the examinations in a suitable fashion before the start of each semester

#### **§ 10 Academic degree**

Graduates of the Master's Programme Business Law are awarded the academic degree "Master of Business Law", abbreviated "LL.M. (Wirtschaftsrecht)"

#### **§ 11 Coming into force**

- (1) This curriculum comes into force on 1 October 2016.
- (2) §7 par. 1 no. 8 lit. b, §7 par. 2 no. 12 lit. b and the annex in the version of the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 30 May 2017, Issue 42, No. 590 come into effect on 1 October 2017 and are to be applied to all students.
- (3) The changes of the curriculum in the version of the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 30 April 2020, Issue 25, No. 345 come into force as of 1 October 2020 and are to be applied to all students.