

Vesalius College

Course description

Course title: Business Law

Course code: BUS 111E

Teacher responsible: Gunther Meyer

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This course introduces the legal context in which business is conducted in civil and common law jurisdictions. After examining the sources and components of law, the course considers in depth the law of contracts, the law of torts, finance of international trade, intellectual property rights, agency and distributorship, conflicts of law and competent courts, international commercial arbitration, bankruptcy and receivership and the law of corporations.

Course objectives:

The objective of this course is to introduce students to concepts of continental European, civil code business law and common law.

Grade weighting scheme:

The final grade for the course will be calculated on the following weighting:

- Midterm examination	40%
- Final examination	40%
- Exercises/assignments	10%
- Class participation	10%

Used course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references:

The course materials will consist of two readers ("Textbook" and "Materials").

The "Textbook" is based on: (i) J.H. Dalhuisen, *Dalhuisen on International Commercial, Financial and Trade Law*, Hart Publishing, Oxford/Portland/Oregon, 2004; (ii) H. van Houtte, *The Law of International Trade*, Sweet & Maxwell, London, 2002; and (iii) Text materials written by the instructor.

The "Materials" legal cases, model contracts and extracts of national and international legislation.

Fictive legal cases, to be resolved by the students, are handed out in class.