

CURRICULUM

FOR THE BACHELOR'S PROGRAM IN BUSINESS LAW



Pursuant to § 25 (1) item 10 of the Universities Act 2002 (*Universitätsgesetz* 2002), Federal Law Gazette (*Bundesgesetzblatt*, BGBl.) I No. 120/2002, last amended by the federal act promulgated in Federal Law Gazette I No. 56/2018, the following regulation is passed:

§ 1 Objectives

The Bachelor's Program in Business Law offers legal education with a wide range of subjects and great methodological depth, with particular emphasis on interconnections with business law and close ties to the disciplines of business and economics. The focus is on improving students' ability to understand and solve complex legal issues in a business and economics context.

In the Bachelor's Program in Business Law, students acquire the following skills:

- An understanding of Austrian, European, and international law in a business context, particularly private law, public law, tax law, criminal law, and labor and social security law
- The ability to use and evaluate methods of analyzing institutions in a business context (incl. accounting and mathematical finance methods)
- The ability to summarize legal cases and extract the major legal issues
- The ability to develop and evaluate various solution strategies for legal problems and problems relating to social and economic sciences
- A basic understanding of argument structures and the ability to elaborate one's own arguments accordingly
- The ability to appropriately communicate legal issues and arguments, and issues and arguments relating to social and economic sciences (incl. drawing up pleadings)
- The ability to apply fundamental methods of legal science and to prepare a minor thesis

Students acquire the required analytical and social skills and competences both in subject-related courses and in courses aimed specifically at developing these skills and competences. To prepare students for work in an international context, some courses are taught in foreign languages.

Due to the combination of legal syllabi and syllabi of social and economic sciences, students acquire the required qualifications to work in fields such as:

- Auditing and tax advising
- Banks and insurance
- Employees in legal departments of large companies
- Strategy and planning departments of medium-sized enterprises
- Companies in regulated markets (e.g. telecommunications, capital markets, energy markets)
- Regulatory and supervisory authorities (e.g. financial markets, energy, telecommunications)
- Public sector (e.g. administration, financial management, professional associations, chambers, interest groups, social security institutions)

Together with the Master's Program in Business Law at WU, the Bachelor's Program in Business Law gives graduates access to legal professions (lawyers, notaries, judges, public prosecutors, and employees with legal qualifications in public service) and provides them with the skills required for top positions with a theoretical and scientific profile.

§ 2 Classification, Structure, and ECTS Credits

(1) The Bachelor's Program in Business Law constitutes an academic degree program in legal sciences pursuant to § 54 (1) of the Universities Act 2002.

(2) The Bachelor's Program in Business Law is a six-semester program.

(3) The Bachelor's Program in Business Law is worth 180 ECTS credits. The subjects of the introductory and orientation phase are worth 16 ECTS credits, the main program phase is worth 156, and the bachelor's thesis accounts for a further 8 ECTS credits.

§ 3 Types of Examinations

The examination types indicated in this curriculum are defined in the examination regulations of WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business). This curriculum, together with the examination regulations, forms a curriculum pursuant to § 25 (1) item 10 of the Universities Act 2002.

<i>Abbreviation key:</i>
AG - <i>Arbeitsgemeinschaft</i> , workshop-type course
FP - <i>Fachprüfung</i> , subject examination
FS - <i>Forschungsseminar</i> , research seminar
LVP - <i>Lehrveranstaltungsprüfung</i> , course examination
MP - <i>Modulprüfung</i> , module examination
PI - <i>prüfungsimmanent</i> , course with continuous assessment of student performance
VUE - <i>Vorlesungsübung</i> , lecture with interactive elements

§ 4 Courses and Examinations in the Introductory and Orientation Phase

The introductory and orientation phase consists of the following courses and examinations:

<i>Course title</i>	<i>ECTS credits</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Business Administration (4 ECTS credits):</i>			
Introduction to Business Administration	4	2	LVP
<i>In Economics (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Fundamentals of Economics	4	2	LVP
<i>In Law (8 ECTS credits)</i>			
Introduction to Law	4	2	LVP
Fundamentals of Public Law	4	2	LVP

§ 5 Transition from the Introductory and Orientation Phase to the Main Program Phase

Successful completion of all examinations of the introductory and orientation phase is the prerequisite for admission to all further courses and examinations in the main program phase.

§ 6 Courses and Examinations in the Common Body of Knowledge

(1) The following courses and examinations are required in the subjects of the Common Body of Knowledge:

<i>Course title</i>	<i>ECTS credits</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Business Administration (12 ECTS credits):</i>			
Accounting & Management Control I	6	3	LVP
Accounting & Management Control II	6	3	LVP
<i>Additionally, in Business Administration or Mathematics, a choice of two of the following courses and examinations (8 ECTS credits):</i>			
Business Information Systems I	4	2	LVP
Marketing	4	2	LVP
Personnel Management, Leadership and Organizational Behavior	4	2	VUE
Finance	4	2	VUE
Procurement, Logistics and Production	4	2	LVP
Mathematics	4	2	LVP
<i>In Economics (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Economic and Financial Policy for Legal Professionals	4	2	PI
<i>In Law (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Fundamentals of Civil Law	4	2	LVP
<i>In Statistics (4 ECTS credits):</i>			
Statistics	4	2	VUE
<i>In Business Communication (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Introduction to Business Communication	4	2	LVP

(2) The subject Business Communication pursuant to (1) is held entirely in English.

§ 7 Specific Requirements for Admission to All Further Examinations

(1) The successful completion of the course Fundamentals of Civil Law is the prerequisite for admission to examinations in all further core subjects and electives of the main program phase.

(2) The successful completion of the examination in Accounting & Management Control I is the prerequisite for admission to the examination in Accounting & Management Control II.

(3) The successful completion of all courses and examinations in Business Administration, Mathematics, and Statistics is the prerequisite for admission to Socioeconomics and to the examinations in a Specialization in Business Administration.

(4) The successful completion of Course I in the respective Specialization in Business Administration is the prerequisite for admission to the subject examination or module examination in that Specialization in Business Administration (see Appendix I of the curriculum for the Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences at WU).

§ 8 Courses and Examinations in the Main Program Phase

(1) The main program phase consists of the following courses and examinations:

<i>Course title</i>	<i>ECTS credits</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Private Law (32 ECTS credits)</i>			
Civil Law for Advanced Students	6	3	PI
Business and Corporate Law	4	2	PI
Competition, Anti-trust and Intellectual Property Law	4	2	PI
Civil Law including Civil Procedure	18	6	included in subject examination
<i>In Public Law (24 ECTS credits):</i>			
Constitutional Law and General Administrative Law	8	4	included in subject examination
Administrative Procedure and Legal Protection	4	2	included in subject examination
Integrated Case Studies on Constitutional Law and General Administrative Law	4	2	PI
Integrated Case Studies on Administrative Procedure and Legal Protection	4	2	PI
Public Business Law	4	2	PI
<i>In Labor and Social Security Law (10 ECTS credits):</i>			
Labor Law	8	4	VUE
Fundamentals of Social Security Law	2	1	LVP
<i>In Tax Law (12 ECTS credits)</i>			

Introduction to Tax Law	4	2	LVP
Basic Tax Law	4	2	PI
Advanced Tax Law	4	2	PI
<i>In Criminal Law (8 ECTS credits)</i>			
Criminal Law	8	4	PI
<i>In European Law (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Fundamentals of European Law	4	2	PI
<i>Additionally, in Private Law or Tax Law or Public Law (4 ECTS credits):</i>			
Companies in Crisis - Insolvency and Restructuring	4	2	VUE
or European Tax Law and Special Topics in Tax Law Relevant to Companies	4	2	VUE
or Financial Markets Regulation Law	4	2	VUE
<i>In Socioeconomics (4 ECTS credits)</i>			
Sustainable Economics and Business for Legal Professionals	4	2	PI
<i>In Academic Legal Research Techniques (2 ECTS credits):</i>			
Academic Legal Research Techniques	2	1	PI

(2) Students are required to pass one subject examination in each of the subjects Private Law and Public Law. Each subject examination comprises a written part as well as an oral part and is taken as an individual examination.

(3) The subject examination in Civil Law including Civil Procedure covers the course Civil Law including Civil Procedure. Therefore, no separate assessment of student performance is required for this course.

(4) The subject examination in Public Law covers the courses Constitutional Law and General Administrative Law as well as Administrative Procedure and Legal Protection. Therefore, no separate assessment of student performance is required for these courses.

§ 9 Specific Requirements for Admission to Subject Examinations

(1) The successful completion of the course Civil Law for Advanced Students is the prerequisite for admission to the subject examination in Civil Law including Civil Procedure.

(2) The successful completion of the courses Integrated Case Studies on Constitutional Law and General Administrative Law and Integrated Case Studies on Administrative Procedure and Legal Protection, and Public Business Law is the prerequisite for admission to the subject examination in Public Law.

§ 10 Specializations in Business Administration

(1) Students are required to choose and complete one of the Specializations in Business Administration listed in Appendix I of the curriculum for the Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences at WU, comprising a total of 20 ECTS credits and 10 credit hours.

(2) In derogation from (1) above, students can also complete the Specialization in Business Mathematics pursuant to § 13 (4) or the Specialization in International Business Communication pursuant to § 13 (5) of the curriculum for the Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences at WU.

§ 11 Bachelor's Thesis

(1) Each student is required to write a bachelor's thesis as part of the main program phase of the Bachelor Program in Business Law.

(2) The bachelor's thesis cannot be graded until all the courses and examinations in the introductory and orientation phase, all the courses and examinations from the Common Body of Knowledge, and the course Academic Legal Research Techniques have been successfully completed.

(3) The topic of the bachelor's thesis is to be taken from the law-related compulsory subjects and electives listed in this curriculum. Students are entitled to propose topics themselves or choose topics from suggestions provided by available supervisors.

§ 12 Requirements for the Completion of the Bachelor's Program

After the successful completion of all examinations in the introductory and orientation phase, the Common Body of Knowledge, the main program phase, as well as the bachelor's thesis, a certificate is to be issued confirming the completion of the Bachelor's Program in Business Law.

§ 13 Academic Degree

Students who have completed the Bachelor's Program in Business Law are awarded the academic degree of "Bachelor of Laws (WU)", abbreviated as "LL.B. (WU)."

§ 14 Entry into Force

(1) This curriculum enters into force on October 1, 2016.

(2) This curriculum replaces the curriculum for the Bachelor's Program in Business Law pursuant to the resolutions of the Committee for Academic Programs dated May 14, 2009, March 4, 2010, June 24, 2010, May 10, 2011, January 17, 2012, April 24, 2012, April 16, 2013, June 4, 2013 and January 13, 2015 and approved by the Senate of WU on May 27, 2009, March 17, 2010, June 30, 2010, May 18, 2011, January 25, 2012, May 9, 2012, May 8, 2013, June 19, 2013, and January 28, 2015.

(3) The amendments of this regulation as amended by the WU Bulletin No. 40 of June 27, 2018, shall enter into force on October 1, 2018.

(4) The amendments of this regulation as amended by the WU Bulletin No. 18 of January 30, 2019, shall enter into force on October 1, 2019.

§ 15 Transitional Provisions

(1) Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor's Program in Business Law at WU at the time this curriculum enters into force are entitled to complete the program by the end of the fall semester 2019/20 under the provisions of the curriculum valid on September 30, 2016. If a student fails to complete the respective phase within that period, the student will be subject to the new curriculum for the remainder of his/her studies. Students are entitled to voluntarily change to the new curriculum during admission periods.

- (2) Degree program students who successfully completed the subject Foreign Language Business Communication before September 30, 2019 are entitled to complete the program under the terms of the curriculum valid on September 30, 2019.
- (3) Degree program students who completed or had credit transferred for at least one course in the Specialization in Export Management before September 30, 2019 are entitled to complete the Specialization under the provisions of the curriculum valid on September 30, 2019.