

CURRICULUM



FOR THE BACHELOR'S PROGRAM IN BUSINESS LAW

AT WU (VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS)

On January 27, 2016, the Senate of WU approved the following resolution by the Committee for Academic Programs dated January 12, 2016 on the curriculum for the Bachelor's Program in Business Law pursuant to § 25 (1) item 10 of the Universities Act 2002 (*Universitätsgesetz* 2002).

§ 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, Total Credit Hours

(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 consists of 180 ECTS credits, i.e. 83 credit hours. Thereof, 16 ECTS credits (i.e. 8 credit hours) are attributed to core subjects in the introductory and orientation phase, 156 ECTS credits (75 credit hours) are completed in the main program phase, and 8 ECTS credits are earned by means of a bachelor's thesis.

§ 3 Types of Examinations

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

§ 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</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Business Administration (4 ECTS):</i>			
Introduction to Business Administration	4	2	LVP*
<i>In Economics (4 ECTS):</i>			
Fundamentals of Economics I	4	2	LVP
<i>In Law (8 ECTS):</i>			
Introduction to Law	4	2	LVP
Business in a Legal Context – European and Public Business Law I	4	2	LVP

* LVP = *Lehrveranstaltungsprüfung*, course examination

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

The 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 subjects in the Common Body of Knowledge:

<i>Course title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Business Administration (12 ECTS):</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):</i>			
Business Information Systems I	4	2	LVP
Marketing	4	2	LVP
Personnel Management, Leadership and Organizational Behavior	4	2	PI**
Finance	4	2	PI
Procurement, Logistics and Production	4	2	LVP
Mathematics	4	2	LVP
<i>In Economics (4 ECTS):</i>			
Economic and Financial Policy for Legal Professionals	4	2	PI
<i>In Law (4 ECTS):</i>			
Fundamentals of Civil Law	4	2	LVP
<i>In Statistics (4 ECTS):</i>			
Statistics	4	2	PI
<i>In Foreign Language Business Communication (4 ECTS):</i>			
Foreign Language Business Communication I	4	2	PI

* LVP - *Lehrveranstaltungsprüfung*, course examination

** PI – *prüfungsimmanent*, course with continuous assessment of student performance

(2) Students can choose among the following languages in the subject of Foreign Language Business Communication: English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Russian.

§ 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 in a Specialization in Business Administration using examination mode B or C (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</i>	<i>Credit hours</i>	<i>Type of examination</i>
<i>In Private Law (32 ECTS):</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):</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):</i>			
Labor Law	8	4	PI
Principles of Social Security Law	2	1	PI
<i>In Tax Law (12 ECTS):</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):</i>			
Criminal Law	8	4	PI
<i>In European Law (4 ECTS)</i>			
Fundamentals of European Law	4	2	PI
<i>Additionally, in Private Law or Tax Law or Public Law (4 ECTS):</i>			

Companies in Crisis - Insolvency and Restructuring <i>or</i> European Tax Law and Special Topics in Tax Law Relevant to Companies <i>or</i> Financial Markets Regulation Law	4	2	PI
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<i>In Socioeconomics (4 ECTS):</i>			
Sustainable Economics and Business for Legal Professionals	4	2	PI
<i>In Academic Legal Research Techniques (2 ECTS):</i>			
Academic Legal Research Techniques	2	1	PI

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(2) Students are required to pass one subject examination in Private Law and Public Law, respectively. 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

Students are required to choose and complete one of the Specializations in Business Administration listed in Appendices I and II 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.

§ 11 Bachelor's Thesis

(1) Every student is required to write a bachelor's thesis as part of the main program phase of the Bachelor's 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 in business law is to be taken from the core 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 "LL.B. (WU)".

§ 14 Entry into Force

(1) This curriculum shall enter 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.

§ 15 Transitional Provisions

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 his/her studies 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.