

Course Catalog 2023-2024

Title of Program : Master of Environmental Sustainability Law and Policies

Program Code	Code: 5-MA-SDLW
Level	Graduate
Credits and Duration	120 credits taken over 4 semesters
Delivery Language	English

Academic Calendar



Postgraduate Academic Calendar 2023-2024

August 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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31 Aug Orientation Day
Click here for first day of classes information

September 2023

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26 Sep Prophet's Birthday
Click here for first day of classes information

October 2023

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November 2023

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December 2023

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1 Dec Commemoration Day
2-3 Dec UAE National Day
4-8 Dec Revision Week
11 Dec-1 Jan Winter Break

January 2024

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3-11 Jan Exams Semester 1
15 Jan Semester 2 Begins
Note: please check your schedule with your academic programme coordinator

February 2024

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March 2024

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18 Mar Start of the Holy Month of Ramadan
25 Mar-12 Apr Spring Break

April 2024

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9-12 Apr Eid Al Fitr

May 2024

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3 May End of classes
6-10 May Revision week
13-22 May Exams Semester 2

June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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16 Jun Arafat's Day
17-19 Jun Eid Al Adha
20-30 Jun Catch-up exams

End of Academic Year 2023-2024
30 September 2024

Program Overview

How can humans tackle environmental challenges including threats to biodiversity, the degradation of renewable resources such as water or soil, and how do we address the technological risks over security and health?

What are the best socioeconomic and political incentives in business, finance and administration? What are the core concerns and opportunities for governments and businesses in relation to environmental impacts, climate change, natural resource preservation (e.g. water) and waste management? How can we develop skills in sustainability management, green finance, environmental politics and policy analysis?

Every country must now achieve economic prosperity by creating blueprints for sustainability that clearly defines environmental, social and economic goals.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's students develop detailed analytical skills to scrutinise the environmental impact of global business and socio-economic forces. They are also encouraged to actively participate in projects and workshops, and maintain constant dialogue with faculty and regional or international experts to explore the most effective strategies to respond to various sustainability challenges in the UAE, GCC and on the international level.

Throughout this degree programme, future leaders in environmental sustainability have the opportunity to maximise their skills and career potential to complement the UAE's rapid and ambitious progress.

Learning Outcomes / Objectifs de la formation

PLO 1	The students will define the concept of sustainable development by determining its historical emergence, its aspects and judicial value.
PLO 2	Students will have an advanced and integrated understanding in the field of environmental law, including: detailed knowledge of regulations and market-based approaches in the field and advanced understanding of developments in international environmental law.
PLO 3	At the end of the program students will have expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills that equip them to independently: analyse, critically reflect on and synthesise complex information, concepts and theories in the field of environmental law. The capacity to identify new laws and/or apply existing law in the rapidly evolving legal context for environmental law.
PLO 4	Students will apply their knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, expert judgment, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner and learner in the field of environmental law.

Program Structure / Structure de la Formation

First Year – Private Law

Master 1 Semester 1			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	Company Law - general principles and UAE practice	7	20-30Nov
UE 2	Advanced contract law	7	11-22Sep
UE 3	Insolvency Law	4	13-17Nov 4-8Dec
UE 4	Law of the European Internal Market	4	16-27Oct

UE 5	Common Law - Contract, Tort and Trust	4	30Oct-10Nov
UE 6	Environmental issues	4	12-14Nov

Master 1 Semester 2			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	Private International Law	7	5-16Feb
UE 2	Banking Law	7	4-15Mar
UE 3	International Trade Law	4	8-19Jan
UE 4	European Business Law	4	22Jan-2Feb
UE 5	Intellectual property Law	4	18-29Mar
UE 6	Natural and technological risk management	4	18Feb-20Feb

First Year – Public Law

Master 1 Semester 1			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	History of Legal and Political Systems	7	4Sep-15Sep
UE 2	International Public Law	7	30Oct-10Nov
UE 3	International Affairs	4	18Sep-28Sep
UE 4	International Dispute Settlement I	4	16Oct-27Oct
UE 5	Comparative law	4	20Nov-30Nov
UE 6	Environmental issues	4	12-14Nov

Master 1 Semester 2			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	Advanced Public Law	7	22Jan-2Feb
UE 2	International Humanitarian Law	7	5Feb-16Feb
UE 3	International Organisations	4	18-22Mar 15-19Apr
UE 4	Space, Telecommunications and Media Law	4	4Mar-15Mar
UE 5	Natural and technological risk management	4	18Feb-20Feb
UE 6	International Trade Law	4	8Jan-19Jan

Second Year

Master 2 Semester 1			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	Climate Change Law	6	5-15Feb
UE 2	Sustainable Development in a Global Context	6	18-28Sep
UE 3	International Environmental Law	6	2-12Oct
UE 4	Energy transition Strategies and Policies	6	13-23Nov
UE 5	Environmental Policies and Economics	6	30Oct-9Nov

Master 2 Semester 2			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	Water Law and Natural Resources Management	6	22Jan-1Feb
UE 2	Planning and building sustainable cities	6	15-18Jan 19-22Feb
UE 3	Corporate Social Responsibility	5	26Feb-7Mar
UE 4	Adaptation and mitigation to environmental change	5	7-9Jan
UE 5	Capstone project	8	To be confirmed

Course Details / Description des cours

First Year – Private Law

Course Title & Code	Advanced contract law – LAW565
Instructor	Pr. Luc Grynbaum
Date	11Sep-22Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>The class focuses on the main characteristics of the general rules on contract law making an analysis and a comparison between AEU 1985 Law, French Law and Common Law.</p> <p>The class is a class in comparative law with a French Law basis. However, references are made to Emirati Federal Law. These references are based on the English translation of the Federal Law n° 5 of 1985 concerning Civil Transactions. Several other UAE Law are also quoted about commercial transactions, Consumer Law or contract by electronic means</p> <p>The purpose of the class is to introduce students to the main issues involved in contract law. It is not aimed at training them at being technical experts in the field. Rather, it aims at giving them an understanding of the main forces that shape contract law. The purpose is for the student to understand that the UAE contract has been inspired by Civil Law, Common Law and Shari'ah. Then they discover that the essential elements of contract are quite the same in each system.</p>
Evaluation	Oral evaluation – 50% Class participation – 50%

Course Title & Code	International and EU tax law – LAW602
Instructor	Mr. Thomas Vanhee
Date	2Oct-13Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>EU Tax Law - This course provides an introduction to the Tax law of the European Union and an overview of fundamental concepts applied to taxation in all countries which are members of the European Union. Topics include Introduction to the EU and its fiscal competencies, How the EU makes tax-related decisions, the EU's competences related to tax, EU legal instruments related to companies, and personal taxation.</p> <p>International Tax Law - This course covers the concepts and theories related to International Taxation. The course will provide an insightful analysis of how domestic rules interact with the application of Tax</p>

	<p>Treaties and the OECD Model Tax Convention. Special regards will be given to UAE International Tax Law. The course includes a discussion of (i) Tax Treaty interpretation; (ii) Taxes covered by the Treaty; (iii) Persons entitled to claim treaty benefits; (iv) allocation rules on single items of income and, namely, business profits, immovable property income, capital gains, dividend, interest and royalties, employment income, other income; (v) elimination of double taxation; (vi) exchange of information, MAP and assistance in tax claim recovery. The course will include the study of the MLI and impact on existing treaties, the OECD, and the EU approach against tax avoidance and evasion. The course will bring into focus regional aspects as well, as the last two sessions are geared towards regional tax systems in the GCC, all the while drawing comparisons with more mature tax systems.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Law of the European Internal Market - LAW567
Instructor	Pr. Julia Motte-Baumvol
Date	16Oct-27Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to the Law of the European Union Internal Market. The course includes the study of the four main freedoms (free movement of goods, persons, services and capital) and of the EU competition law. These different elements of the European Union Internal Market will be studied through EU treaties, EU secondary-law and case-law of the European courts. Their daily impact on EU trade, investment and on citizenship will also be discussed.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Common Law - Contract, Tort and Trust – LAW601
Instructor	Dr. Hassan Mohamed
Date	30Oct-10Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course is designed to provide a brief survey of the common law in three major areas: Contracts, Torts and Trusts. Given the breadth of these core areas, only selected topics will be covered.</p> <p>Contracts: the basic elements to form an enforceable contract (offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations, certainty, and capacity) and related issues.</p>

	<p>Torts: the elements of the tort of negligence and related issues; intentional torts (including, trespass to land, battery, assault, and false imprisonment) and related defenses.</p> <p>Trusts: the interrelationship between equity and trusts; the formation and constitution of express trusts.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Insolvency Law – LAW-556
Instructor	Mr. Jade Al Araoui
Date	13Nov-17Nov & 4Dec-8Dec
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course is part of Business Law. It includes the study of the different measures and proceedings that may or must be used by distressed entrepreneurs in order to prevent insolvency or, when in trouble, be able to build a restructuring plan or, if impossible, sell or terminate the business and pay the creditors as much as possible.</p> <p>Although the course is mainly built on French law and the situation of debtors located in France, it is more as a reference and thinking model that it is useful, as the insolvency law meets legal policy imperatives common to many systems. Furthermore, French law meets the objectives of harmonisation of European law, further enhanced by the transposition in September 2021 of the Restructuring and Insolvency Directive of 20 June 2019.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Company Law - general principles and UAE practice – LAW575
Instructor	Pr. Philippe Didier
Date	20Nov-30Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>“Companies”, as they are known in British English, or “Corporations”, as they are known in American English, are a big part of today’s business life. From giants such as Amazon or Microsoft to a local restaurant or deli, most business undertakings fall into the category. Whatever the size, the line of business or the way they are managed, most business organizations, as long as they are larger than a family shop are companies.</p> <p>As a starter, we could say that studying company law is basically studying what are the legal tools that exist to allow people to create, run and grow a business which is beyond the size of the lone shopkeeper.</p>

	<p>As such, companies are the most important actors of business life. In other classes, you learn how businesses interact one with another through contracts, how they are allowed to enjoy freedoms in the EU space, and also what can be done when they fail.</p> <p>In this class, you will learn how the Law has developed several legal tools tailored for the needs of businessmen in order to create, run and grow their business.</p> <p>These needs are the same all over the world. They derive directly from what is a business. But the answer to these needs vary in every legal systems.</p> <p>In the UAE, which is an international hub of the world trade, it is important to understand the main forces that shape the modern law of business organizations: You'll deal with partners from all over the world. Each one being set up and working within its own organizational framework. It is important for you to be able to accompany them in making binding agreements as well as in helping them raise the money they need to grow.</p> <p>At a superior level, studying company law is studying the main driving force of economic development.</p> <p>In this class, you will analyze company law provisions in order to examine and question the main forces at play in the field. Based on that analytical work, you will be induced into developing the ability to appraise and design efficient legal solutions.</p> <p>The degree you are enrolled into is a degree in French Law, as such French Law plays a major role. However, the approach is a comparative perspective. This comparative approach is especially important in the UAE context.</p> <p>Federal Emirati Law on companies is heavily influenced by French Law. It shares concepts and methods with it. By studying French Law, you deepen your understanding of the Emirati Federal Law. However, not all companies operating from the UAE are governed by Federal Law. The UAE has several Free zones which allows the incorporation of companies. Those companies are not governed by Federal law but by ad hoc law of the Free zone. Most of those specific laws are heavily influenced by English Law.</p> <p>As a lawyer, you must be prepared to work with different statutes, inspired by different legal traditions.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Semester 2

Course Title & Code	International Trade Law – LAW553
Instructor	Pr. Caroline Le Goffic
Date	8Jan-19Jan
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h

Course Description	<p>International commercial law is composed of the rules that govern the international relations that are established between the actors of international trade.</p> <p>The course covers the concept and theories related to the sources (national and international sources, public and private sources) and the methods of international commercial law.</p> <p>The course will include study of the World Trade Organization, international business contracts, international companies and the settlement of international trade disputes.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	European Business Law – LAW569
Instructor	Pr. Rafael Amaro
Date	22Jan-2Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to European Business Law, especially the rules framing competition in the EU internal market applicable to private undertakings.</p> <p>It extends to French provisions mirroring the EU provisions.</p> <p>The course will include study of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A general presentation of European Business Law - The interactions between EU competition law, the “four freedoms” of the internal market and Environmental law - Common notions of EU competition law - Prohibition of agreements in restraint of trade - Prohibition of abuse of a dominant position - The Private and public enforcement of European Business Law in EU and Domestic courts <p>It is to be noted that each topic will include a deep analysis of recent or land-mark cases brought to EU or domestic courts. For instance, when dealing with the four freedoms of the internal market, the “Bosman judgement” issued by the ECJ will be studied, when dealing with abuses of a dominant position, the “Google cases” adjudicated by the European Commission will be analysed.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Private International Law – LAW515
Instructor	Pr. Olivera Boskovic
Date	5Feb-16Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1

Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	This course covers the concepts and theories related to private international law. It includes a discussion of the main mechanisms used in this field, such as characterization, renvoi, overriding mandatory rules or the public policy exception. It also includes the study of jurisdiction and choice of law rules pertaining to family law (marriage, divorce, matrimonial property regimes, succession) as well as the law of obligations (international contracts and torts). Many international conventions and European regulations on jurisdiction or choice of law are examined. Some insight in the differences of approach in civil law and common law countries is also given.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Public Business Law – LAW568
Instructor	Pr. Thomas Pez
Date	19Feb-1Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	Studying Public Business Law helps to understand the legal framework set by public authorities to economic activities. Business law is enriched by public law. Public law principles, particularly constitutional principles, are foundational to understanding any economic activity and provide the ground on which businesses may thrive. The course deals with State interventions in the business sector. Comparisons are drawn between the legal system of France and the European Union and the regulations of the United Arab Emirates, specially of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. The course will include study of the following topics: - Right to Property - Freedom of Enterprise - Freedom of Trade and Industry - Principle of Equality and Economic Activities - Principle of Legal Certainty and Economic Activities - Public Regulations of the Economy, Sectoral Regulatory Authorities - Public Sector, Public Operators, Nationalizations, Privatizations - State Aids
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Banking Law – LAW717
Instructor	Pr. Michel Sejean
Date	4Mar-15Mar
Course Format	2-week mission

Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	This course is dedicated to international financial contracts and the legal environment of these contracts. This course covers the guarantees and financial contracts used to finance international trade and the question of money. The analyses are done not only from an economical point of view but also with a legal perspective. A comparative approach is developed (French, English, American, UAE Laws). The essential elements relating to the negotiation of these contracts and to the main clauses of the agreements are discussed. The orientation of this course is theoretical and practical.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Intellectual Property Law
Instructor	Pr. Caroline Le Goffic
Date	18Mar-29Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to IP Law. The course includes a discussion of the French IP system and a comparison with the US and European system. The course will include an overview of the various IP rights (Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright, Neighboring rights), the rights they give to their owners and also the way to protect them.</p> <p>Because, in our days IP rights are not national anymore, it's important to understand the basic principles which apply internationally. The European IP law is also essential to have a good understanding of actual preoccupations. In a digital world, the way to protect IP rights is necessarily different. At least, we'll discuss on practical cases to improve all the principles we present during the course.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

First Year – Public Law

Course Title & Code	History of Legal and Political Systems - LAW560
Instructor	Pr. David Kremer
Date	4Sep-15Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1

Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>The history of legal and political systems or the history of international relations, that used to be thought of as exclusively interstate relationships, has to be looked at in the light of the various forms of globalisation today.</p> <p>This course broadly covers the history of international relations, beyond that of the sovereign state, from the city-states of Oriental Antiquity through to contemporary international organisations.</p> <p>Along the way, the course will include the study of the roles of the various actors of international relations, such as the State, the Church, various merchants, thinkers, ambassadors as well as international organisations, in order to explain the mechanism of interdependence between them and public policies.</p> <p>The course will also deal with the main theoretical approaches of the discipline, the major historiographical debates as well as dealing with key notions (city-state, sovereignty, law of nature, ius gentium, civil law, just war, territory, frontier, balance of power principle ...).</p> <p>A particular attention will be paid to the notion of ethics and its influence on International Relations theorist.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Public Law - LAW587
Instructor	Dr. Maia Hamrouni
Date	30Oct-10Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course is intended to introduce students to concepts and problems of public international law and of the international legal system. The course will address a wide range of topics such as the sources and subjects of international law, international law and use of force...and will explore a number of the most pressing current issues in greater depth. It will review and discuss a number of international law cases decided by national and international tribunals, as well as certain treaties, resolutions and other international legal instruments of importance.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Affairs - ECON515
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	18Sep-28Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1

Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course provides an overview of the major debates and substantive issues in contemporary international affairs.</p> <p>The course first introduces the basic concepts and main theoretical approaches available to understand, explain and interpret the nature of the international system and various aspects of states (and nonstate) behaviour in their historical and contemporary settings.</p> <p>This is followed by an examination of enduring themes and contemporary issues in international affairs, such as international cooperation, collective security, globalization, and humanitarian intervention.</p> <p>It concludes with an analysis of the competing visions and prospects for cooperation in the emerging international system.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Dispute Settlement I – LAW588
Instructor	Dr. Lea Navel
Date	16Oct-27Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>In an international legal order with no rule imposing compulsory recourse to a judge, the establishment of mechanisms for the settlement of disputes is of particular importance, in order to ensure respect for obligations and enforcement of rights. In this vein, the last thirty years have been marked by an increase in the number of cases submitted to international jurisdictions or to arbitration. In this context, the objective of the course is to give students an in-depth knowledge of the various mechanisms available in the international system for the settlement of disputes, of the respective jurisdiction of the various courts and tribunals, and of the procedural rules applicable to cases brought before them. It is the purpose of the course to present a tour d’horizon of the function and content of procedure in international litigation, distinguished from problems of substantive law.</p> <p>The course will include study of different mechanisms of dispute settlement : the universal system (procedures before the International Court of Justice, sometimes called the « World Court » because it has a general jurisdiction), but also more specific systems of dispute settlement related to limited questions (the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, an international arbitration established by the World Bank Group for legal dispute resolution and conciliation between international investors and States ; the Dispute Settlement Body established by the World Trade Organization in order to resolve trade disputes between its members ; and also international criminal procedures before the International Criminal Court).</p>

Evaluation	Continuous assessment
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Course Title & Code	Comparative Law – LAW561
Instructor	Dr. Anthony Chamboredon
Date	20Nov-30Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>“Companies”, as they are known in British English, or “Corporations”, as they are known in American English, are a big part of today’s business life. From giants such as Amazon or Microsoft to a local restaurant or deli, most business undertakings fall into the category. Whatever the size, the line of business or the way they are managed, most business organizations, as long as they are larger than a family shop are companies.</p> <p>As a starter, we could say that studying company law is basically studying what are the legal tools that exist to allow people to create, run and grow a business which is beyond the size of the lone shopkeeper. As such, companies are the most important actors of business life.</p> <p>In other classes, you learn how businesses interact one with another through contracts, how they are allowed to enjoy freedoms in the EU space, and also what can be done when they fail.</p> <p>In this class, you will learn how the Law has developed several legal tools tailored for the needs of businessmen in order to create, run and grow their business.</p> <p>These needs are the same all over the world. They derive directly from what is a business. But the answer to these needs vary in every legal systems.</p> <p>In the UAE, which is an international hub of the world trade, it is important to understand the main forces that shape the modern law of business organizations: You’ll deal with partners from all over the world. Each one being set up and working within its own organizational framework. It is important for you to be able to accompany them in making binding agreements as well as in helping them raise the money they need to grow.</p> <p>At a superior level, studying company law is studying the main driving force of economic development.</p> <p>In this class, you will analyze company law provisions in order to examine and question the main forces at play in the field. Based on that analytical work, you will be induced into developing the ability to appraise and design efficient legal solutions.</p> <p>The degree you are enrolled into is a degree in French Law, as such French Law plays a major role. However, the approach is a comparative perspective. This comparative approach is especially important in the UAE context.</p> <p>Federal Emirati Law on companies is heavily influenced by French</p>

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Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International and EU Tax Law – LAW602
Instructor	Mr. Thomas Vanhee
Date	2Oct-13Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>EU Tax Law - This course provides an introduction to the Tax law of the European Union and an overview of fundamental concepts applied to taxation in all countries which are members of the European Union. Topics include Introduction to the EU and its fiscal competencies, How the EU makes tax-related decisions, the EU's competences related to tax, EU legal instruments related to companies, and personal taxation.</p> <p>International Tax Law - This course covers the concepts and theories related to International Taxation. The course will provide an insightful analysis of how domestic rules interact with the application of Tax Treaties and the OECD Model Tax Convention. Special regards will be given to UAE International Tax Law. The course includes a discussion of (i) Tax Treaty interpretation; (ii) Taxes covered by the Treaty; (iii) Persons entitled to claim treaty benefits; (iv) allocation rules on single items of income and, namely, business profits, immovable property income, capital gains, dividend, interest and royalties, employment income, other income; (v) elimination of double taxation; (vi) exchange of information, MAP and assistance in tax claim recovery. The course will include the study of the MLI and impact on existing treaties, the OECD, and the EU approach against tax avoidance and evasion. The course will bring into focus regional aspects as well, as the last two sessions are geared towards regional tax systems in the GCC, all the while drawing comparisons with more mature tax systems.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Advanced Public Law – LAW580
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	22Jan-2Feb
Course Format	2-week mission

Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the fundamental principles of Public Law, consisting of constitutional, administrative, criminal and international law, concerned with the organization of the state, the relations between the state and the people who compose it, the responsibilities of public officers to the state, to each other, and to private persons, and the relations of states to one other.</p> <p>This course also deals with the main themes and topics of the emerging field of Global Administrative Law: the growth of global administrations, their interactions within global networks, the emergence of a global administrative process, and the development of the rule of law and democratic principles at a global level.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Humanitarian Law – LAW592
Instructor	Pr. Thierry Rambaud
Date	5Feb-16Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	The course covers the concepts and notions related to rules of international humanitarian Law. The course includes 10 lessons which deal with the most important issues of IHL.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Organisations – LAW512
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	18Mar-22Mar 15Apr-19Apr
Course Format	2-weeks
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to the structure and dynamics of international organizations. The course includes a discussion of their political context and environment, their legal framework and their geopolitical impact.</p> <p>The course includes a study of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the shift in the 20th century from bilateral diplomacy to multilateral diplomacy and provides the framework for this - the creation, the organogram and the evolution of the United Nations system - the economic international organizations and their influence on

	<p>states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the international organizations with military purposes with an emphasis on NATO - the way the geopolitical context is influencing the evolution of the regional organizations - the specific case of Africa and the way this continent was framed by a combination of regional and sub-regional organizations. - The specific case of the former Soviet area restructured around new regional organizations
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Space, Telecommunications and Media Law – LAW593
Instructor	Pr. Mahulena Hofmann
Date	4Mar-15Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>The course is a complex introduction to international, European, UAE and other national legislations in the area of space activities. Its first part covers the five UN space treaties, explains the the legal framework of the leading European space programs, and gives an overview of the most important national legislations in the area of exploration and use of outer space, including the UAE laws. The second part includes the introduction to the law of international telecommunication – its history and analysis of the main legal documents. The last part explains the basics of European Media Law.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Public Business Law – LAW568
Instructor	Pr. Thomas Pez
Date	19Feb-1Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>Studying Public Business Law helps to understand the legal framework set by public authorities to economic activities. Business law is enriched by public law. Public law principles, particularly constitutional principles, are foundational to understanding any economic activity and provide the ground on which businesses may thrive. The course deals with State interventions in the business sector. Comparisons are drawn</p>

	<p>between the legal system of France and the European Union and the regulations of the United Arab Emirates, specially of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.</p> <p>The course will include study of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right to Property - Freedom of Enterprise - Freedom of Trade and Industry - Principle of Equality and Economic Activities - Principle of Legal Certainty and Economic Activities - Public Regulations of the Economy, Sectoral Regulatory Authorities - Public Sector, Public Operators, Nationalizations, Privatizations - State Aids
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International Trade Law – LAW553
Instructor	Pr. Caroline Le Goffic
Date	8Jan-19Jan
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>International commercial law is composed of the rules that govern the international relations that are established between the actors of international trade.</p> <p>The course covers the concept and theories related to the sources (national and international sources, public and private sources) and the methods of international commercial law.</p> <p>The course will include study of the World Trade Organization, international business contracts, international companies and the settlement of international trade disputes.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Natural and technological risk management – ENV523
Instructor	Pr. Kosmas Pavlopoulos
Date	19Feb-21Feb
Course Format	1-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course provides visibility into the threat spectrum including the systematic approaches in identifying critical infrastructures and key resources as a basis for risk acceptance and mitigation. In understanding risk and vulnerability, students learn to address appropriate countermeasures in an objective, quantifiable way. Natural</p>

	<p>Hazards have always been part of human history. But in the modern world there is an increasing paradox between the outstanding achievements of science and medicine and the continuing destruction associated with the extremes of nature. Science itself is not without hazard and has led to the comparatively recent emergence of threats which arise from the misapplication and failure of technology. People and property are now at risk not only from geophysical events, such as earth quakes and floods, but also from industrial explosions, the release of toxic substances and major transport accidents.</p> <p>Topics include a world-wide overview of hazards, disasters, and their costs; vulnerability and risk assessments, sustainable hazards mitigation, international, government and private sector roles and responsibilities; disaster planning, coordinating community resources; disaster preparedness; formal and informal disaster response; disaster recovery; disasters and development; information technology; theory and data; and issues in emergency management, such as who should pay for disasters</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Second Year

Course Title & Code	Sustainable development in a global context – SUSD513
Instructor	Pr. Loic Batel
Date	18-28Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>The existence of today's climate change challenges are generally well known. However, few people can speak accurately about them when trying to explain the complex world of international climate negotiations / institutions and their actions, especially in financing climate change policies.</p> <p>This course will enable students first to grasp all the whereabouts and problematic of climate change which is key to understand the notion of sustainability : the facts, the risks, the predictability of the changes to come, the reality beyond the fiction.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Environmental policies and economics – SUSD517
Instructor	Pr. Yannick Perez
Date	30Oct-10Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1

Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	Environmental economics is now well-established, branch of economic study. In successfully applying standard microeconomic analysis to the field of the natural environment and sustainable development, economists have challenged many erroneous, but strongly held preconceptions about environment management. The course helps to understand the environmental policies and the consequences of economic growth and grasp the obstacles toward achieving strong multilateral agreements for solving international and global environmental problems.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Climate change law – SUSD518
Instructor	Pr. Nicolas Angelet
Date	5Feb-15Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	The course will allow the students to understand, analyse and critically reflect on international legal rules on climate change, the challenges they pose and how they interact with other relevant legal regimes. The students will thereby acquire a synthetic view on the legal apprehension of the phenomenon of climate change, its causes and its consequences, which will allow them to appraise existing rules, shape new rules and argue on opposing positions from states and other stakeholders in this respect.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	International environmental law – SUSD519
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	2Oct-12Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course looks at the principles and rules of international law which have as their primary objective the protection of the environment. The course addresses how the international community has recognised and sought to deal with the interdependence of the global environment, from early bilateral arrangements dealing principally with local transboundary pollution to more recent regional and international agreements. It outlines the international legal processes through which international

	environmental issues are addressed, the principles which underlie or guide the action taken, the substance of the principles and rules relating to environmental problems generally.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Energy transition strategies and policies – SUS514
Instructor	Pr. Zoheir Hamedi
Date	13Nov-23Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course covers the concepts and theories related to the energy transition. Classes will be divided between lectures, specialists interventions and discussions initiated by students presentations. The course will include study of regulatory and policy frameworks at international, regional and national level. It will review context, issues and solutions and implementation tools.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Water law and natural resources management – SUS520
Instructor	Dr. Anthony Chamboredon
Date	22Jan-1Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	One cannot imagine a legal tradition without looking at all the conditions that determine it, just as it is impossible to draft a new piece of legislation or a regulation on water without placing oneself in the context that determines its application, that is, the non-legal aspects, including those related to geography, history, the climatic conditions and socio-economic circumstances of the country or region concerned. This is even more the case when we are interested in the development of water rights in States that each have historical, geographical, hydrological, hydrogeological, climatic or socio-economic differences. In addition, traditions and religion play a decisive role in influencing decision-making at the highest level. Water law is, in this sense, a multidisciplinary subject.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Planning and building sustainable cities – SUS521
Instructor	Pr. Apostolos Kyriazis

	Dr. Kosmas Pavlopoulos
Date	15-18Jan & 19-22Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>Part 1</p> <p>This course covers the evolution of concepts and theories related to Architecture, Urban Planning and Sustainability in connection with legal frameworks during the last century. It presents legal aspects of Urban Planning from various countries (such as UAE, Saudi Arabia, Greece, USA etc) and the lessons, which today may be drawn from. The course ends with a connection to the Arab Urbanism and an overview of contemporary issues, in particular strategic spatial planning and sustainable urbanism.</p> <p>Part 2</p> <p>This course is it is the natural continuation of urban planning and constitute a strong link between the quality of life in cities and how cities draw on and manage the natural resources available to them. To date, the trend towards urbanization has been accompanied by increased pressure on the environment and accelerated demand for basic services, infrastructure, land, and affordable housing. Due to their high concentration of people, infrastructures, housing and economic activities, cities are particularly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters impacts. Building urban resilience is crucial to avoid human, social and economic losses while improving the sustainability of urbanization processes is needed to protect the environment and mitigate disaster risk and climate change. Resource efficient cities combine greater productivity and innovation with lower costs and reduced environmental impacts, while providing increased opportunities for consumer choices and sustainable lifestyles. Hydrogen energy from renewables has the potential to address climate challenges, and technological advancements are vital for driving this energy transition and the urban sustainability transition.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Corporate social responsibility – SUSD515
Instructor	Pr. Beatrice Parguel
Date	26Feb-7Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	The course is designed to develop competent and responsible leaders. The ultimate goal is to develop leaders who are able to use their academic knowledge to analyze and understand concrete problematic

	situations that can influence the transition of companies and management towards responsible and sustainable organizations.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Environmental justice – SUS522
Instructor	Pr. Joel Andriantsimbazovina
Date	6Mar-16Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	After a general presentation of the different theories of environmental justice in their philosophical, political and sociological dimensions, the course focuses on a legal approach to environmental justice. Attention is paid to the jurisprudence of international and supranational bodies, courts and tribunals. Cases studies will be offered. The documents will be uploaded on Blackboard. This comparative approach to international and supranational jurisprudence provides lessons for the UAE legal system.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment

Course Title & Code	Capstone project – SUS516
Instructor	Pr. Zoheir Hamedi
Date	To be confirmed
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	8
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1 & 2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	The course will introduce students to the principles of doing research and of writing for academic and professional purposes, various analyses and project management tools, and to methods related to data gathering and data analysis.
Evaluation	Final report presentation – 100%

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