

1. OVERVIEW

Subject Area	Private International Law
Degree	Bachelor's Degree in Law
School/Faculty	Social Sciences and Communication
Year	Fourth
ECTS	6 ECTS
Type	Compulsory
Language(s)	Spanish
Delivery Mode	On-campus/Online
Semester	First semester

2. INTRODUCTION

Private International Law is a compulsory subject area delivered in the fourth year of the Bachelor's Degree in Law, worth 6 ECTS credits.

The importance of this subject area within the curriculum is clear, as the current state of globalisation has brought about more legal relationships with connections to more than one legal system. In order to resolve disputes arising from legal transactions in other countries, the member states of the international community have adopted specific legal systems to settle private cross-border disputes with a foreign element. These are problems that affect natural and/or legal persons when they come into contact with the laws of different countries, which may arise as a result of the Spanish and foreign nationality of the subjects, their residence in different countries, the place where the legal act in question is concluded or its execution in a different territory, etc. Specifically, the rules of private international law resolve disputes in the areas of civil, commercial and labour law. Knowledge of these specific rules will therefore provide students with the tools needed to make use of any legal decision that affects private individuals and has connections to more than one jurisdiction.

To ensure a complete picture of the rules regulating Private International Law, students will learn about the purpose and content of this area of law, allowing them to identify the main features of the international problems of a private nature regulated by this legal system. Whenever we find ourselves dealing with a conflict involving private individuals and various legal systems, we must answer three legal questions: which court has jurisdiction to hear the case, which law applies to the merits of the case and, finally, how can a judgment be recognised and enforced if it is delivered in a country other than the one where it is intended to be enforced. All this is governed by procedural and substantive rules that have specific legal effects, such as the choice of law or governing law rule, which determines which jurisdiction's substantive law will apply to a certain legal dispute. This can be linked to any private-law context, including the law of persons, family and inheritance law, and property law. Thus, this subject offers a comprehensive study of all the international regulations that resolve the problems of Private International Law affecting private individuals.

3. SKILLS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Basic skills (CB, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CB3: Students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their study area) to form opinions which include reflecting on relevant social, scientific or ethical matters.
- CB4: Students can communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- CB5: Students have developed the learning skills necessary to undertake further study in a much more independent manner.

Cross-curricular skills (CT, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CT3: Ability to put knowledge into practice, using the skills acquired through the study of mock situations based faithfully on real life issues in the relevant profession.
- CT9: Problem solving: Ability to resolve an unclear or complex issue or situation which has no established solution and requires skill to reach a conclusion.
- CT11: Decision making: Ability to choose between different options or methods to effectively solve varied situations or problems.
- CT12: Teamwork: Ability to integrate one's self and collaborate actively with other people, departments and/or organisations in order to reach common goals.

Specific skills (CE, by their acronym in Spanish):

- CE1: Ability to navigate the framework of legislation, legal doctrine and case law governing public and private legal relations.
- CE5: Ability to make convincing legal arguments.
- CE8: Ability to identify legal issues and provide appropriate solutions to real situations.
- CE9: Ability to understand different legal systems in a globalised context.

Learning outcomes (RA, by their acronym in Spanish):

- Understanding of the elements needed to correctly classify disputes governed by the rules of private international law.
- Knowledge of the body with jurisdiction to resolve disputes arising from legal transactions in other countries.
- Ability to distinguish between the different types of international private law rules and the problems that may arise with regard to their application.
- Reflection on the effects of the recognition and enforcement of decisions adopted by courts.

The following table shows how the skills developed in the course match up with the intended learning outcomes:

Skills	Learning outcomes
CB3, CB4, CT3, CT9, CE1, CE5, CE8	Understanding of the elements needed to correctly classify disputes governed by the rules of private international law.
CB3, CB4, CT3, CT9, CT11, CE5, CE8	Knowledge of the body with jurisdiction to resolve disputes arising from legal transactions in other countries.

CB3, CB4, CT3, CT9, CT11, CT12, CE5, CE8	Ability to distinguish between the different types of international private law rules and the problems that may arise with regard to their application.
CB3, CB4, CB5, CT3, CT9, CT11, CT12, CE5, CE8, CE9	Reflection on the effects of the recognition and enforcement of decisions adopted by courts.

4. CONTENT

- Purpose and Content of Private International Law
- International Jurisdiction
- Methods of Regulation and Types of Rules
- Issues Related to the Application of Private International Law
- The Foreign Litigant and International Judicial Assistance
- Extraterritorial Effectiveness of Foreign Court Decisions

5. TEACHING/LEARNING METHODS

The types of teaching/learning methods are as follows:

- Lecture / Web conference
- Case studies
- Collaborative learning
- Problem-based learning
- Project-based learning.

6. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The types of learning activities, plus the amount of time spent on each activity, are as follows:

On-campus delivery mode:

Learning activity	Number of hours
Lectures	28h
Asynchronous lectures	7h
Legal problem-solving	15h
Case studies	15h
Finding resources and sources of information	10h
Debates and discussions	10h
Writing reports and papers	10h
Group work	10h
Independent working	30h
Tutorials	10h

Knowledge tests	5h
TOTAL	150 h

Online delivery mode:

Learning activity	Number of hours
Reading of content	40
Legal problem-solving	15
Case studies	15
Debates and discussions through seminars or online forums on the Virtual Campus	10
Finding resources and sources of information	10
Writing reports and papers	10
Group activities (seminars, online forums, etc.) through online lectures / web conference (online delivery mode)	10
Online tutorials	5
Independent working	30
Knowledge tests	5
TOTAL	150 h

7. ASSESSMENT

The assessment systems, plus their weighting for the final grade for the subject area, are as follows:

On-campus delivery mode:

Assessment system	Weighting
Knowledge test	50%
Case study/problem scenario	20%
Portfolio	10%
Reports and papers	20%

Online delivery mode:

Assessment system	Weighting
Knowledge test	50%
Case study/problem scenario	20%
Portfolio	10%

Reports and papers	20%
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On the Virtual Campus, when you open the subject area, you can see all the details of your assessment tasks, including deadlines and assessment procedures.

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