

Module description

Field of study: Business, Management and Services**Degree course:** BSc HES-SO in International Business Management**Major:** N/A

Subject to the *Règlement sur la formation de base (Bachelor et Master) à la HES-SO* (R-FB hereafter) and *Regulations for the degree programme Bachelor of Science HES-SO in International Business Management* (R-IBM hereafter; collectively *program regulations* hereafter); and *Règlement d'études des filières Bachelor de la HEG* (RE-HEG hereafter).

1. Title of module	Law I	2026-2027
Code: 3061	Revision date / Effective date: 2026-06-30 / 2026-09-14	
Equivalent to:	ECTS Credits: 5 Credits	
Level	Type of course:	
☒ Basic module	☒ Bachelor's ☐ Master's ☐ MAS ☐ DAS ☐ CAS ☐ Other: ...	
☐ Further studies module		
☐ Advanced module	Characteristic:	
☐ Specialised module	☒ Compulsory module	
☐ Other: ...		
Type:	Time schedule:	
☒ Main module	☐ Module over 1 semester	
☐ Module linked to main module	☒ Module over 2 semesters	
☐ Optional or subsidiary module	☐ Spring semester	
☐ Other: ...	☐ Autumn semester	
	☐ Other: ...	

2. Organisation**Primary teaching language:**

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| ☒ English | ☐ French |
| ☐ German | ☐ Italian |
| ☐ Spanish | ☐ Other: ... |

Module composition

Module composed of the course units: 30611-Business Law; 30612-Understanding the EU

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for all classes and other activities specified in the module description or syllabus, per art. 24 of the *RE-HEG* and unjustified absence may entail penalties. Where unjustified absence carries penalties, attendance is regularly monitored via written or digital signature, and any penalties are applied in accordance with institutional regulations.

Penalties for absences:

- ☐ Attendance at all scheduled teaching activities is mandatory and constitutes a condition for validation of the module. Students whose attendance falls below 80% of these activities are not eligible to be registered for the final examination which entails failure of the module.
- ☐ Attendance at all scheduled teaching activities is mandatory. Each unjustified absence results in a grade penalty of 0.5/6 applied to the final module grade.
- ☐ Each unjustified absence at scheduled course activities identified as mandatory or compulsory in the module description or syllabus entails a grade penalty of 0.5/6 applied to the final module grade...
- ☐ Absence from activities identified as mandatory or compulsory in the module description or syllabus results in the student not being entitled to receive a grade for any associated assessment.

- ☒ Attendance at all scheduled teaching activities contributes directly to the achievement of learning outcomes. Absences are not directly penalised. Attendance may nevertheless be monitored for pedagogical purposes.
- ☒ Additional details: (optional)

3. Prerequisite

- ☐ To have validated the module
- ☐ To have followed the module
- ☒ No prerequisite
- ☐ Other: ...

4. Skills to be gained / general learning objectives

Business Law

The overarching objective of the Unit is to master the core elements of business law which impact on the regulatory framework which governs enterprises.

Specifically, the students will be, at the end of the Semester, capable of;

- Presenting key regulations which define the business environment.
- Presenting the Constitutional principles which frame Switzerland's economic system and assessing specific situations related thereto.
- Defining the various different legal structures of enterprises and related rights and obligations for entrepreneurs.
- Summarizing the liability of managers and analysing specific situations which may occur in actual business life.
- Presenting the fundamental principles governing the conclusion of commercial contracts.

Understanding the EU: introduction to EU law and institutions

The overall objective of the Unit is to develop understanding about the functioning of the EU (law and institutions) and its importance for "doing business" in and with European partners.

Specifically, the students will be, at the end of the Semester, capable of;

- Defining the role of the EU as a global economic and commercial player.
- Presenting the roles and functioning of EU institutions.
- Presenting the main economic and commercial rules which define the business environment in the EU.
- Analysing and presenting concrete regulatory challenges for enterprises in a given sector.

5. Teaching and content

Autumn semester

Course unit - Business Law

Switzerland's Constitutional principles which regulate the economy
Swiss company law
Introduction to contract law (some specific aspects)

Spring semester

Course unit – Understanding the EU: introduction to EU law and institutions

Introduction to the EU (history, key facts and figures, basic treaties)
The EU institutions (Council, Commission, Parliament, Court of Justice)
Selected EU commercial regulations

6. Assessment and validation methods

☒ Further details regarding assessment and validation methods are specified in the module or course unit syllabus available on the Cyberlearn Moodle page of the module or course unit.

7. Remediation and repetition

Module repetition and remediation are governed by the *program regulations* as well as the *RE-HEG*.

Remediation

Module eligible for remediation if the overall module grade is between 3.5 and 3.9, in accordance with Art. 29 R-FB. In case of remediation, grades for continuous assessments or bonus grades are not carried over.

☐ Module composed of multiple course units evaluated individually: remediation applies exclusively to those course units for which the grade obtained is below 4.0. Remediation takes the form of an additional assessment for each course unit concerned, covering the learning objectives of that course unit, as determined by the relevant course-unit coordinator.

☒ Module consisting of a single course unit, or of two integrated course units evaluated jointly at module level: remediation takes the form of one additional assessment covering the learning objectives of the module as a whole.

Repetition

In the event of module repetition, students are required to complete the module in accordance with the following provisions: for modules comprising more than two course units, only those course units for which a grade below 5.0 was obtained must be repeated; for modules comprising one or two course units, students repeating the module must repeat all course units in their entirety, irrespective of the grades previously obtained. Grades or assessment results obtained during a previous attempt are otherwise not carried over.

☒ In case of accelerated repetition per Art 7 of the R-IBM, grades for continuous assessments are carried over.

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8. Remarks

Further details regarding points 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10 may be specified in a module or course unit syllabus available on the Cyberlearn Moodle page of the module or course unit.

The institution reserves the right to modify the content and organization of the module.

9. Bibliography

10. Faculty

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