

Detailed Course Layout

Course A: Information Technology Law

Block 1 Introduction

A general introduction to the university, the Masters Programme and European law.

Block 2 Fundamentals of ICT Law

How IT is used in reality, ICT from a business perspective, the basics of legal information retrieval, and an introduction to IT law and legal informatics.

Block 3 Contracts and Electronic Commerce

Issues related to contracts and electronic commerce such as jurisdiction, taxation, the use of electronic signatures, public procurement and the workings of IT contracts.

Block 4 Intellectual Property Rights

IP rights viewed from an IT perspective: trademarks and domain names, patents, copyright, and the impact of electronic resources on IP.

Block 5 Privacy

Issues surrounding data protection, consumer privacy and intrusion through technology.

Block 6 The Emergence of E-Society

Access to official information, e-government, and e-justice.

Block 7 Communications Law & Criminal Law

Telecommunications, crimes committed through IT and cybercrime. These issues are analysed on an EU and worldwide scale.

Block 8 Theoretical Issues

Internationalisation and development, legislative techniques, the function of the law and ethical issues.

Course B: Thesis on Information Technology Law

The student chooses an aspect of IT Law related to Course A and writes a 30-35 page thesis on his/her chosen topic. Supervision is provided.

Course C: Development and Management of Information Systems in a Legal Perspective

Block 1 Basic Notions of Law and IT

An introduction to the use of IT by lawyers and the impact of universal access to knowledge.

Block 2 Automated Decision Making and Decision Support

Legal reasoning and automation of the law and legal systems.

Block 3 Legal Information Retrieval

The development and role of legal IR services.

Block 4 Information Standards

Information standards, quality control, legal document management and knowledge management.

Block 5 Identification and Control Technologies

ID and control technologies and their legal implications. Legal issues surrounding e.g. DRM, traffic data and surveillance technology.

Block 6 Information Security and the Law

An introduction to the methods and aims of information security, legal aspects and risk analysis.

Block 7 Professional and Social Networks

Networks from a legal and business sense, a lawyer's roll and the use of web technology in networking.

Block 8 Future Development of Law and IT

The current and future role of law, trusted legal infrastructures and new technology.

Course D: Thesis on Development and Management of Information Systems in a Legal Perspective

The student chooses an aspect of IT Law related to Course C and writes a 30-35 page thesis on his/her chosen topic. Supervision is provided.