

Legal aspects of business

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Course description

The author of the course has gathered his experience and knowledge to teach students how to solve legal problems without consulting a lawyer. Students will learn the key concepts of Russian law, master the main areas of regulation (contract law, corporate law, labor law), and learn where to look for information about the law and when to seek help from a lawyer.

Course requirements, grading, and attendance policies

The course requires no special prerequisites other than those students already know from their high school courses. Regular class attendance is not a strict obligation of the student, but the student is responsible for class work, including midterm tests, which will be announced separately. Students are graded on the basis of problem solving (20%), intermediate tests (30%), and a final exam (50%).

Course contents

1. Introduction to Russian law
2. Contracts
3. Labor law
4. Tax regulation
5. Business and corporate law
6. Intellectual property
7. Courts and justice

Description of course methodology

Classes are held in the form of short lectures, discussion on the selected topics and class work on real documents. The final exam is held as an oral or written (at the student's choice) answer to a specific legal question. The exam is held in a closed-book format.

Sample exam questions:

1. Explain to a non-native how personal income taxations works in Russia.
2. You are going to register as a self-employed (самозанятый). Describe this status, its pros and cons.
3. What objects of intellectual property do you know? What are their differences?

Course materials

Required textbooks and materials

1. Роман Янковский. Закон стартапа. М., Стартап, 2017. Available at:
<http://законстартапа.рф>

Additional materials

1. Дмитрий Гриц. Адвокат бизнеса. М., Альпина, 2019.
2. Юрий Крысанов: Как защитить свои права? Ликбез по общению с полицией и ГИБДД. М., Эксмо, 2017.
3. Артём Русакович. Правоведение для всех: понятно и доступно о государстве, законах, судах и полиции. М., URSS, 2017.
4. Анатолий Тилле. Занимательная юриспруденция. М., Галарт, 2000.
5. Archie Zariski. Legal Literacy - An Introduction to Legal Studies. Athabasca University Press, 2014.

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