1- SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

Law Unplugged is an innovative and practice oriented course that aims to bring students closer to the reality of legal practice. The object of the course is to teach students to work and think like a lawyer.

This course will be about the ethics of lawyering and will treat the major topics through readings and discussions and role-play hypotheticals.

The course is designed to help student develop their understanding of the law that governs their behavior as lawyers.

2- OBJECTIVES AND SKILLS

The objective of the course is to bring students closer to the real practice of the legal profession by exposing them to lawyer ethics principles.

It is an objective of the course that students understand the following concepts:

- Understanding of the different legal professions.
- Understanding of the legal markets.
- Understanding of the legal practice in a globalized economy.
- Understanding fundamental principles of the lawyer-client relationship, confidentiality, conflicts of interests and advocacy.

The aim of the course is for students to acquire the following skills:

- Communication skills in a legal environment (writing and public speaking).
- Acquire leadership skills for the legal practice.
- Acquire skills necessary to diagnose and resolve ethical issues.
3- CONTENT

SESSION 1
The Lawyer’s Role

SESSION 2
Organization of the Legal Profession

SESSION 3
Beginning and Ending the Lawyer-Client Relationship

SESSION 4
Confidentiality

SESSION 5
Confidentiality

SESSION 6
Incompatible Relations

SESSION 7
Incompatible Relations

SESSION 8
Incompatible Relations

SESSION 9
Public Statements by Lawyers

SESSION 10
Duties to Third Parties

SESSION 11
Conduct of Advocacy

SESSION 12
The Business of Client-getting

SESSION 13
The Role of Prosecutor

SESSION 14
The Role of Judge

SESSION 15
Final Exam

4- METHODOLOGY AND ECTS WEIGHTING

The methodology for this course will be an active one. Students are expected to participate actively in each one of the sessions. The classes will consist in a mixture of class debate, individual and group exercises and presentations as well as discussion of hypotheticals.

For each class, the students will be required to do the assigned readings and prepare the mandatory individual or group exercises.
Course activities

Course activities will be organized as following:

- Class discussions: 50% of the ECTS
- Exercises (including class presentations): 30% of the ECTS
- Theoretical explanations by the professor: 20% of the ECTS

Student independent work

Independent work by the students will be distributed in the following way:

- Readings: 30%
- Preparation for presentations or class discussions: 40%
- Preparation of the final exam: 30%

5- EVALUATION SYSTEM

5.1. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Class attendance is compulsory and an unjustified absence of more than 30% of the classes will result in a grade of 0.0 for the subject. Students must do the readings and the assigned tasks for each class. Class participation is essential in order to pass the course.

Evaluation will be based on active class participation, student discussions, student exercises and presentations, and student group presentations as well as a final exam.

EXTRAORDINARY EXAM

Each student has four attempts over two consecutive academic years to pass this course.

Students must attend at least 70% of the sessions. Students who do not comply with the 70% attendance rule will lose their first and second chance, and go directly to the third one (they will need to enroll again in this course next academic year).

Students who will take the exam for the third or fourth time should contact the professor during the first two weeks of the course.

5.2. EVALUATION AND WEIGHTING CRITERIA

- Class presentations and written assignments due in class: 40%
- Class participation: 30%
- Final exam: 30%