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Curriculum for the
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§1 Allocation of the study programme

According to §54 Universities Act 2002, the Master's Programme Business, Digitalisation and Sustainability Law is assigned to the legal study programmes.

§2 Qualification profile

- (1) This Master's programme serves to provide legal practitioners with in-depth academic professional training for activities with special links to business, digitalisation or sustainability, but also in the traditional legal professions.
- (2) The graduates of this study programme have
 - highly specialised legal knowledge in terms of content and methodology with a selected focus on commercial law,
 - the latest findings and in-depth expertise at the interfaces between law and business, law and digitalisation or law and sustainability, as well as
 - depending on the chosen specialisation - basic knowledge of selected areas in business administration, digital technologies and content or ecological, economic and social sustainability.
- (3) The graduates have the competence
 - analyse and solve complex legal problems independently,
 - to think, analyse and argue in an interdisciplinary and networked way,
 - to analyse current technical and social transformation processes and provide legal support,
 - to independently further develop the knowledge and skills acquired in a national, European and international context, including across disciplinary boundaries.
- (4) The graduates are qualified
 - for entry into or further training for traditional legal professions at court, in the legal profession, in the notary's office and in administration,
 - to work as legal practitioners in professional fields in which interdisciplinary skills in digitalisation, sustainability or business are required,
 - to take on management positions.
- (5) Graduates are qualified to take up a relevant doctoral programme.

§3 Admission

- (1) Admission to the master's programme requires the completion of a relevant bachelor's programme or a relevant degree programme of at least the same higher education level at a recognised domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution.
- (2) In any case, the completion of the Bachelor's Programme in Economic Law at the University of Innsbruck shall be deemed to be an eligible study programme. The Rectorate shall decide on the equivalence of another degree programmed completed at another post-secondary education institution home or abroad in accordance with §64 para. 3 Universities Act.
- (3) In order to compensate for significant subject-related differences, supplementary examinations totalling a maximum of 30 ECTS-Credits may be prescribed, which must be taken by the end of the second semester of the master's programme.

§4 Scope and duration

The master's programme covers 120 ECTS-Credits. This corresponds to a duration of the study programme of four semesters. One ECTS-Credit corresponds to a workload of 25 hours.

§5 Language

- (1) The following courses and course examinations to be taken are held in English:
 - VO Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems, §9 para. 2 no. 1.
 - VO Fundamentals of Law and Digitalisation, §11 para. 1 no. 1 lit. a,
 - VO Competition Law and Digital Markets, §11 para. 2 no. 1 lit. c) and
 - VU Business Transactions, §11 para. 2 no. 2 lit. d).
- (2) The courses and the course examinations to be taken in the elective module Italian Law or Introduction to other Foreign Systems (§9 para. 2, no. 2) may be held in the language of the respective law or in English.

§6 Types of courses and maximum number of students per course

- (1) Courses without continuous performance assessment:
Lectures (VO) are courses held in lecture format. They introduce the research areas, methods and schools of thought for a given subject.
- (2) Courses with continuous performance assessment:
 1. **Working groups (AG)** aim to provide a forum to discuss theories, methods and techniques of a subject in the form of group work. Maximum number of students: 30
 2. **Seminars (SE)** provide in-depth study of contents, methods and techniques of a specialist area including presentations and discussions. Maximum number of students: 30.
 3. **Lecture-tutorials (VU)** focus on the practical treatment of concrete scientific tasks that are discussed during the lecture parts of the course. Maximum number of students: 160.

§7 Allocation of places in courses with a limited number of participants

In courses that have a maximum number of participants, places are allocated as follows:

1. Students for whom the study duration would be extended due to the postponement are to be given priority
2. If the criterion in no. 1 does not suffice, students who pass this course as part of a compulsory module will come first, then students that pass the course as part of an elective module.
3. If the criteria in no. 1 and no. 2 do not suffice, to regulate admission to a course, then the places will be randomly allocated.

§8 Structure

- (1) The master's programme consists of a general part covering altogether 48 ECTS-Credits, a specialisation covering 52 ECTS-Credits and a Master's Thesis covering 20 ECTS-Credits.
- (2) One of the following specialisations is to be selected:
 1. Economy (para. 4)
 2. Digitalisation (para. 5)
 3. Sustainability (para. 6)
- (3) In the **general part** the following is to be passed:
 - a) Compulsory modules (§9) covering 40 ECTS-Credits

	Compulsory Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Specialisation Civil Law and Special Non-Contentious Proceedings	3	6
2.	Civil Procedure Law	4	8
3.	Public International Law	4	8
4.	Commercial Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law	4	8
5.	Applied Economic Administrative Law	4	8
6.	Research Colloquium for the Master's Thesis	2	2

- b) One elective module covering 8 ECTS-Credits

	Elective Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems	4	8
2.	Italian Law or Foreign Law		8
3.	Contract Practice	4	8
4.	Labour Law	4	8
5.	Moot Court	4	8
6.	Internship		8
7.	Interdisciplinary Skills		8

- (4) In the **Specialisation in Economy** (§10) the following modules are to be passed:
 - a) Compulsory modules covering 36 ECTS-Credits:

	Compulsory Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Law in the Life Cycle of Companies	7	14
2.	Tax Law and Business Taxation	5	10
3.	Financial Criminal Law	3	6
4.	Business and Management	3	6

b) Elective Modules covering 16 ECTS-Credits:

	Elective Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Insurance Law and Banking Industry	4	8
2.	International and European Business Law	4	8
3.	Human Resources Management	4	8

(5) In the specialisation **Digitalisation** (§11) the following is to be passed:

a) Compulsory modules covering 36 ECTS-Credits:

	Compulsory Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Fundamentals of Law and Digitalisation	5	10
2.	New Media and Technology Law	5	10
3.	Data Protection Law and Data Economy	4	8
4.	Digitalisation in Civil and Administrative Law	4	8

b) Elective modules covering 16 ECTS-Credits are to be passed:

	Elective Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Digitalisation in Corporate Law	4	8
2.	Digitalisation in Union Law	4	8
3.	Digital Science		8

(6) In the specialisation **Sustainability** (§12) the following is to be passed:

a) Compulsory modules covering 36 ECTS-Credits:

	Compulsory Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Fundamentals of Law and Sustainability	5	11
2.	Ecological Sustainability Law	3	6
3.	Economic Sustainability Law	4	9
4.	Social Sustainability Law	5	10

b) Elective modules covering 16 ECTS-Credits:

	Elective Modules	h	ECTS-Credits
1.	Sustainability in Economic Administrative Law	4	8
2.	Climate Protection Law	4	8
3.	Sustainability		8

§9 General part

(1) Compulsory modules

1.	Compulsory Module: Specialisation Civil Law and Special Non-Contentious Proceedings	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Civil Law - Advanced	2	4
b.	VO Special Non-Contentious Proceedings	1	2
	Total	3	6
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of family and inheritance law, including cross-border aspects, as well as other selected areas of civil law, in particular the law of obligations. They are able to apply this knowledge independently and reflect on it critically. Students have in-depth knowledge of the special types of non-contentious proceedings and can independently process and resolve related issues.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Compulsory Module: Civil Procedure Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Civil Procedure Law (Contentious Matters)	2	4
b.	VO Law of Enforcement	1	2
c.	VO Insolvency Law	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of key areas of civil action law, civil procedure law, execution law and insolvency law. They are able to critically reflect on specific issues and independently process and solve complex legal questions.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Compulsory Module: Public International Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Public International Law I	2	4
b.	VU Multi-Level Law: Interaction between European, International and National Commercial Law	2	4
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the foundations, legal sources and legal subjects of international law and the protection of human rights. They are able to analyse complex issues and work on them independently. Students know the relationship between international law and the national law of states and can independently answer legal questions in the multi-level system.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

4.	Compulsory Module: Commercial Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Commercial Criminal Law: Economic Offences	2	4
b.	VO Criminal Procedure Law	2	4
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the most important white-collar offences and some practical applications. They can classify such offences and also recognise the legal and economic problems that go beyond the context of criminal law. Students have qualified knowledge of criminal procedural law (procedural principles, investigative procedures, procedural means of coercion, main proceedings, legal remedies and appeals) and can solve criminal procedural cases independently.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

5.	Compulsory Module: Applied Economic Administrative Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	AG Case Studies – Public Economic Law	1	2
b.	VU Law Clinic – Applied Economic Law	3	6
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have a sound knowledge of current supreme court case law (Administrative Court, Constitutional Court, European Court of Justice) in public economic law, including its links to EU and constitutional law, particularly in the areas of public procurement, state aid, commercial and financial market law. They are able to trace the most important judicial developments in public economic law and independently analyse and solve complex legal issues on this basis. Students are able to make their own legal judgements on specific matters of commercial administrative law and make proposals for action.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

6.	Compulsory Module: Research Colloquium for the Master's Thesis	h	ECTS-Credits
	SE Seminar in the Field of the Master's Thesis	2	2
	Total	2	2
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students are able to independently apply theoretical and methodological instruments of law to a scientific question. They can justify the results of their work in a comprehensible and understandable way. They are familiar with the rules of good scientific practice and can apply them.</p>			
Prerequisites: positive completion of the compulsory module, the subject of which is also the topic of the Master's Thesis.			

(2) Elective modules

1.	Elective Module: Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems	h	ECTS-Credits
	VO Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems	4	8
	Total	4	8
Learning Outcomes: Students have basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of selected foreign legal systems and understand the complexity of cross-border legal issues. They are able to describe the connections between the legal systems and their differences and analyse and solve practical international problems.			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Elective Module: Italian Law or Foreign Law	h	ECTS-Credits
	Courses in Italian law or another foreign law		8
	Total		8
Learning Outcomes: Students have basic knowledge of one or more subjects of Italian law or another legal system (e.g. German or Liechtenstein law or another legal system for which courses are offered by an Aurora or Erasmus partner university). They are able to recognise, analyse and classify legal issues in this legal system.			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Contract Practice	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Contract Drafting in Civil Law	2	4
b.	VO Contract Drafting in Corporate Law	2	4
	Total	4	8
Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of general contract law, which enables them to implement the legal framework in civil and corporate law practice and to recognise and solve cross-border problems. They are able to analyse contracts relating to corporate law, identify weak points and independently draft appropriate contractual clauses.			
Prerequisites: none			

4.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Labour Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Labour Law – Advanced Course	3	6
b.	VO European and International Labour and Social Law	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of particularly practice-relevant areas of Austrian labour law. They have in-depth knowledge of selected areas of EU labour and social law and understand the problems associated with the implementation of EU legal requirements. They are able to critically reflect on findings from these areas and independently process and solve complex issues.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

5.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Moot Court	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Accompaniment Moot Court	3	6
b.	AG Moot Court Skills	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: The students have experience in the practical legal handling of legal disputes in civil law, international sale of goods, environmental law or in another discipline in which a moot court is offered. They are able to apply the knowledge acquired during their studies in specific proceedings ‘in court’, draft pleadings and defend the legal arguments orally in adversarial proceedings.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

6.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Internship	h	ECTS-Credits
	<p>Practical work of at least 196 working hours to get familiarised with the practice of law, administration or legal advice. In addition to legal hearings in court and work in law firms, this may include representing interests home and abroad, provided the area of responsibility has a legal focus and the work is carried out under the guidance and supervision of legally qualified staff at the institution. The practical training can also be completed during the lecture-free period and should generally be completed at one place and in one go; exceptions to this can be authorised in justified cases. Prior to commencing the practical activity, the approval of the Director of Studies must be obtained. The duration, scope and content of the work carried out must be certified by the institution; in addition, a report on the tasks, activities carried out and experience gained must be written.</p>		8
	Total		8

	<p>Learning Outcomes: Students are familiar with the tasks and activities of the judiciary, administration and legal counselling. They have an insight into the reality of the law, the social conditions and the effects of the law as well as the connection between substantive law and procedural law. They are able to apply and implement the specialist knowledge, methods and competences acquired during their studies within their area of responsibility. Students are able to reflect theoretically on the knowledge and experience gained in this way and apply it practically.</p>
	<p>Prerequisites: study achievements covering at least 30 ECTS-Credits</p>

7.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Interdisciplinary Skills	h	ECTS-Credits
	Provided that places are available, courses or modules from other diploma and master's programmes offered at the University of Innsbruck covering a total of 8 ECTS-Credits can be selected, in particular also from the modules of this master's programme that have not been selected. At least one course must be selected from the field of gender law or women's and gender studies.		8
	Total		8
	<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have additional qualifications that meaningfully complement or expand the knowledge they have acquired as part of the master's programme. They can apply the additional qualifications they have acquired in a legal context.</p>		
	<p>Prerequisites: The prerequisites specified in the respective curricula are to be met.</p>		

§10 Specialisation in Economy

(1) Compulsory modules

1.	Compulsory Module: Law in the Life Cycle of Companies	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Foundation of an Enterprise	1	2
b.	VO Corporate Restructuring Law	1	2
c.	VO Company Succession (M&A)	1	2
d.	VO Insolvency Law and Company Reorganisation	1	2
e.	VO Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution	1	2
f.	VO Tax Aspects in the Life Cycle of Companies	2	4
	Total	7	14
	<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the framework conditions of business and tax law in connection with company formation and reorganisation, company succession - M&A and company termination. They are able to assess issues in the life cycle of companies from a cross-legal perspective and find a solution. They are able to solve complex legal issues in connection with company (re)formations and M&A transactions. Students have in-depth knowledge of insolvency law and are able to solve specific problems that arise in corporate insolvency and reorganisation. Students have in-depth knowledge of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. They have in-depth knowledge of the tax law framework in connection with the formation, reorganisation, succession and termination of companies.</p>		
	<p>Prerequisites: none</p>		

2.	Compulsory Module: Tax Law and Business Taxation	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Income, Sales and Transaction Taxes	1	2
b.	VO Corporate Finance I: Corporate Law Aspects	1	2
c.	VO Corporate Finance II: Aspects of Taxation and Business Management	1	2
d.	VO Taxes in a Business Management Context	1	2
e.	VO Tax Law	1	2
	Total	5	10
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have the ability to solve complex tax problems across all tax types. They are able to assess corporate finance issues from the perspective of corporate law, tax law and business management and find interdisciplinary solutions. Students are familiar with issues of business taxation and are able to develop alternative decisions based on their knowledge of tax effects on companies. Students have the necessary knowledge of the Federal Fiscal Code in order to find tax-optimised solutions with the help of procedural law.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Compulsory Module: Financial Criminal Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Substantive Revenue Law – General and Special Part	2	4
b.	VO Financial Criminal Procedure	1	2
	Total	3	6
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have a sound knowledge of substantive financial criminal law. They are aware of the special features of the general part of the Fiscal Penal Code (FinStrG) and know the most important financial offences. Students have a sound knowledge of financial criminal procedure law. In particular, they know the difference between administrative financial criminal proceedings and judicial financial criminal proceedings, have knowledge of administrative financial criminal proceedings and know how judicial financial criminal proceedings differ from other criminal proceedings. Students are able to recognise and independently solve complex legal issues in all areas.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

4.	Compulsory Module: Business and Management	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Business Management	2	4
b.	VU Analysis of Annual Financial Statements and Key Figures	1	2
	Total	3	6
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have the understanding and skills to develop an entrepreneurial strategic scope of action, to carry out corporate and environmental analyses and monitoring processes. They have sound knowledge in the areas of analysing annual financial statements and key figures and are able to systematically record and critically reflect on these matters.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

(2) Elective modules

1.	Elective Module: Insurance Law and Banking Industry	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Insurance Law	2	4
b.	VO Banking Industry	2	4
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of private insurance law, in particular contractual aspects, liability issues and regulatory requirements for insurance companies. Students have in-depth knowledge of banking supervisory law and banking contract law, in particular with regard to business relationships between banks and their customers, the legal basis of banking transactions and the role and tasks of the supervisory authorities. Students are able to recognise and independently solve complex legal issues in all areas.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Elective Module: International and European Business Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO International Business Law	2	4
b.	VO European Competition Law	1	2
c.	VU Case Studies – International and European Business Law	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of international business law and can describe its legal foundations and key regulations. Students have in-depth knowledge of European competition law. They are able to describe and apply the prohibition of cartels, the prohibition of abuse, merger control and the state aid regime as well as the special regulations for public companies and companies providing services of general interest. They are able to recognise and analyse problems in business law that go beyond the borders of one state and solve them independently in a multi-level system.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Elective Module: Human Resource Management	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Concepts and Instruments of Human Resource Management	2	4
b.	VO Legal Framework for Human Resource Management	1	2
c.	VU Payroll Accounting	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have a sound knowledge of the basic structures, prerequisites and consequences of HR management concepts. They are able to assess HR management instruments (e.g. job interviews, employee appraisals) in terms of their functional and social application possibilities and limitations. Students have in-depth knowledge of the areas of labour law that are particularly relevant in practice for work in HR departments. Students have knowledge of wage tax, social security and labour law relevant to payroll accounting. In all areas, students are able to categorise complex personnel management issues in legal terms and solve legal problems based on them independently.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

§11 Specialisation Digitalisation

(1) Compulsory modules

1.	VO Fundamentals of Law and Digitalisation	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Fundamentals of Law and Digitalisation	2	4
b.	VO History of Media and Information Law	1	2
c.	VO Technical Foundations and Legal Technologies	2	4
	Total	5	10
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have basic knowledge of law and digitalisation and understand the civil law and fundamental rights contexts of digitalisation. They are able to understand and present the legal-historical developments of new technologies in the field of media and information. Students have a sound knowledge of the technical foundations of digitalisation and are able to understand legal technologies. Students are able to work independently on interdisciplinary legal issues and identify solutions.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Compulsory Module: New Media and Technology Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Law and Ethics of New Technologies	2	4
b.	VO Media Law	1	2
c.	AG Social Media Law	1	2
d.	VO IT Criminal Law (Cybercrime and Investigative Powers)	1	2
	Total	5	10
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the law and ethics of new technologies and can apply these independently. They are familiar with the relevant content of national and EU media law and can independently process and solve related issues. Students have in-depth knowledge of social media and are able to identify and independently solve legal issues. Students are able to apply the criminal law framework to new technological developments and critically analyse any need for reform in substantive criminal law and criminal procedural law.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Compulsory Module: Data Protection Law and Data Economy	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Data Privacy Law I	1	2
b.	VO Data Privacy Law II	1	2
c.	VO Data Economy	1	2
d.	AG Case Studies – Data Privacy and Data Economy	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the fundamentals of data privacy in digital economy. They are familiar with the use and management of data in the general interest. Students will be able to process and independently solve complex data law and data management issues.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

4.	Compulsory Module: Digitalisation in Civil and Administrative Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Digitalisation in Civil Law	2	4
b.	VO Digitalisation in Civil Jurisdiction	1	2
c.	VO Digitalisation in Administration	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the legal aspects of digitalisation in civil law, civil jurisdiction and administration. They are able to identify and independently solve legal issues related to digitalisation in the respective area of law.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

(2) Elective modules

1.	Elective Module: Digitalisation in Corporate Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Digital Business Models in Banking and Capital Market Law (FINTECH)	1	2
b.	VO Intellectual Property Law and Digital Technologies	1	2
c.	VO Law of Digital Markets (Competition Law and Digital Markets)	1	2
d.	VO Law of Commercial Transactions (Business Transactions)	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the effects of digitalisation on corporate law, in particular how new market participants and business models, digital platforms, algorithms, etc. are legally recorded and/or regulated in the sub-areas mentioned before. They have in-depth knowledge of intellectual property law relating to digital technologies. Students have in-depth knowledge of business transactions in a digital context (e.g. international trade in goods). In all areas, students are able to analyse and process complex issues, identify solutions and critically examine them.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Elective Module: Digitalisation in Union Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO EU-Digitalisation Law in a Global Context	2	4
b.	VU Case Studies on the Digital Single Market	2	4
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the Union's legal norms for the digital economy and understand the role of the Union in the development of globally relevant rules for digital law and digital economy issues. They are able to identify, analyse and independently solve problems relating to digital law in connection with the digital single market.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Elective Module: Digital Science	h	ECTS-Credits
	Provided that places are available, courses from the Minor Digital Science can be selected.		8
	Total		8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Depending on the selected courses, students are able to understand and create programmes in a programming language suitable for data analysis, to model, prepare and manage data and to plan and carry out data analysis projects in the context of their own subject.</p>			
Prerequisites: The prerequisites specified in the Minor Digital Science are to be met.			

§ 12 Specialisation Sustainability

(1) Compulsory modules

1.	Compulsory Module: Fundamentals of Law and Sustainability	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Scientific Foundations of Sustainability	2	5
b.	VO Fundamentals of the Law of Sustainability	2	4
c.	VO Historical Foundations of Sustainability	1	2
	Total	5	11
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students understand basic laws and processes in natural global systems on Earth (in particular the climate system and ecosystem). They are familiar with the concept of planetary boundaries and can apply this within multidisciplinary contexts. Students have basic knowledge of general legal content and methods relating to law and sustainability. They are familiar with concepts of ecological, social and economic sustainability. Students are familiar with the historical genesis of ecological, economic and social sustainability and understand their interrelationship with (international, union and national) law.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Compulsory Module: Ecological Sustainability Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Ecological Sustainability in Union Law	2	4
b.	VO Energy Law	1	2
	Total	3	6
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the function and significance of EU law in the area of environmental sustainability, in particular with regard to climate protection, energy, transport, supply and housing. They are able to recognise and critically reflect on the contribution of EU law to the preservation of natural resources, including the corresponding conflicts of interest, and solve relevant issues. Students have in-depth knowledge of energy law. They are able to recognise, analyse and solve energy-specific issues in the multi-level system.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Compulsory Module: Economic Sustainability Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VU Sustainability and Behaviour	2	5
b.	VO Sustainability and Corporate Law	2	4
	Total	4	9
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of how human behaviour can contribute to sustainability and the role and function of law in this. They are familiar with how the economic behaviour of natural and legal persons can be (legally) framed or influenced so that the natural foundations of life are preserved while taking social aspects into account. Students have in-depth knowledge of sustainability efforts in corporate law, in particular the information and contract model, but also other options for managing behaviour and new duties of care, for example along the supply chain. They will be able to work independently on relevant issues at the interface of law and economics.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

4.	Compulsory Module: Social Sustainability Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Sustainability in Social Security Law	2	4
b.	VO Sustainability in Private Law	2	4
c.	VO Penal System and Rehabilitation	1	2
	Total	5	10
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of selected areas of social security law that are particularly relevant to sustainability issues (e.g. coping with the vicissitudes of life such as old age and illness). They have in-depth knowledge of selected instruments provided by private law to deal with problems that are particularly relevant to sustainability (e.g. health care proxy, adult representation, care home contract law). Students have in-depth knowledge of the penal system, particularly with regard to sustainable (re)socialisation. In all these areas, students are able to critically reflect on findings from teaching and case law and to process and solve complex issues.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

(2) Elective module

1.	Elective Module: Sustainability in Economic Administrative Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Business Location and Environmental Protection	2	4
b.	VU Case Studies - Public Environmental and Commercial Law	2	4
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the intersections of commercial and environmental law, in particular in public procurement law, planning law (e.g. transport and energy spatial planning) and plant law (e.g. commercial and water law, environmental impact assessment law, electricity law). They are familiar with the main planning procedures at Union and state level and their interaction with the authorisation procedures. They can work on and solve complex cases in these areas independently.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

2.	Elective Module: Climate Protection Law	h	ECTS-Credits
a.	VO Climate Protection in a Multi-Level System	2	4
b.	VO Sustainable Mobility	1	2
c.	VU Case Studies in Climate Protection Law	1	2
	Total	4	8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Students have in-depth knowledge of the interdisciplinary subject of climate protection law at international, European and national level. They are familiar with the international, EU and constitutional foundations of climate protection law and have in-depth knowledge of selected areas of law (e.g. emissions trading, energy efficiency, renewable energies and legal protection under climate law). Students have specialist knowledge of the legal requirements for the decarbonisation of transport in the areas of road, rail and air transport. In all areas, students have the ability to independently solve legal problems related to climate protection law and to critically scrutinise existing and planned regulations.</p>			
Prerequisites: none			

3.	Prerequisites: Elective Module: Sustainability	h	ECTS-Credits
	Provided that places are available, courses from the Minor Sustainability can be selected.		8
	Total		8
<p>Learning Outcomes: Depending on the courses chosen, students have basic knowledge of the phenomenon of climate change, have basic knowledge of the sustainable use of resources in various areas and are sensitised to the challenges of sustainable development in selected areas of law. They can think and act in a systemically networked way and have the ability to consider the sustainability perspective in different subject areas and to provide legal support for its implementation.</p>			
Prerequisites: The prerequisites specified in the Minor Sustainability must be met.			

§ 13 Master's Thesis

- (1) A Master's Thesis worth 20 ECTS-Credits must be completed as part of the master's programme. The Master's Thesis is an academic piece of work that serves to demonstrate the ability to work independently on an academic topic in a content-related and methodologically justifiable manner.
- (2) The topic of the Master's Thesis is to be taken from the legal subjects of the compulsory and elective modules of §§ 9-12. The topic can only be registered after the positive completion of the subject-relevant module. If the focus of the topic lies in the area of the chosen specialisation, the specialisation will be indicated in the transcript records.
- (3) The students are entitled to suggest the topic for the Master's Thesis or to select one from a number of suggestions.
- (4) The students are entitled to write the Master's Thesis in a foreign language, if the supervisor agrees to it.
- (5) Several students may work on a topic together if the performance of the individual students can be assessed separately.
- (6) The completed Master's Thesis must be assessed within two months of submission.
- (7) The completed Master's Thesis must be submitted to the Director of Studies in electronic form. It must be accompanied by an affidavit confirming that the rules of good scientific practice have been followed.

§ 14 Examination regulations

- (1) With the exception of the modules listed in para. 4 and 5, the modules are evaluated by course examinations.
- (2) Course examinations serve the proof of the knowledge and skills imparted in an individual course, whereby
 1. in the case of courses with continuous performance evaluation, the evaluation is based on an individual examination at the end of the course.
 2. in the case of courses with continuous performance evaluation, the evaluation is based on the assessment of at least two written, oral and/or practical contributions of the participants.
- (3) The course instructors have to announce the examination method and the evaluation criteria before the start of the respective semester.
- (4) The performance of the following modules is based on examination regulations of the respective curricula:
 1. Elective Module Interdisciplinary Skills (§9 para. 2 no. 7).
 2. Elective Module Digital Science (§11 para. 2 no. 3),
 3. Elective Module Sustainability (§12 para. 2 no. 3).
- (5) The performance of the Elective Module Internship (§9 para. 2 no. 6) is evaluated by the Director of Studies based on the report. Positive evaluation reads "participated with success", negative evaluation "participated without success".

§15 Academic degree

Graduates of the master's programme are awarded the academic degree "Master of Laws (Law of Business, Digitalisation and Sustainability)", abbreviated to "LL.M. (Law of Business, Digitalisation, Sustainability)".

§6 Coming into force

This curriculum comes into force on 1 October 2024.

§ 17 Transitional provisions

- (1) This curriculum applies to all students, who are admitted to the programme as of the winter semester 2024/25 onwards.
- (2) Regular degree students, who have started the Master's Programme Business Law, curriculum published in the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 24 June 2016, Issue 44, No. 488, last amended as published in the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 30 April 2020, Issue 25, No. 345, before 1 October 2024, are entitled to finish their studies within a maximum of six semesters from this point in time.
- (3) If the Master's Programme Business Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Innsbruck, published in the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 24 June 2016, Issue 44, No. 488, last changed as published in the University of Innsbruck Bulletin of 30 April 2020, Issue 25, No. 345, is not finished in time, the students are subject to the curriculum for the Master's Programme Business, Digitalisation and Sustainability Law.
- (4) Students of the Master's Programme in Business Law are entitled to change to the curriculum for the Master's Programme in Business, Digitalisation and Sustainability Law on a voluntary basis any time.