



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

GRA 6213 Corporate Law - Forms of Corporations and Partnerships

Programme

Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in Business and Economics (Business Law - Tax and Accounting), Specialization Course

Responsible for the course

Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

Learning outcome

The course covers the legal framework surrounding various forms of ownership used in the business community. An understanding of the legal framework is important to understand Norwegian business. The rules on joint stock companies, public joint stock companies, partnerships and apportioned liability partnerships are central. The course discusses legal issues related to setting up business, the owners' role, the running of the company, the company's equity and company restructuring. After having completed the course, the students shall have acquired a basic knowledge of corporate law, have a good understanding of the rules on joint stock companies, public joint stock companies, partnerships and apportioned liability partnerships, and have in-depth knowledge of the rules concerning a company's equity.

Prerequisites

A bachelor degree in business or equivalent.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Bråthen, Tore. 2008. Selskapsrett. 3. utg. Oslo: Focus : Universitetsforlaget

Other:

I løpet av kurset kan det bli delt ut materiale på flere emner som er relevante for kurset og eksamen

Recommended reading

Books:

Woxholth, Geir. 2005. Selskapsloven : med kommentarer. 6. utg. Oslo : Gyldendal akademisk
Aarbakke, Magnus ... [et al.]. 2004. Aksjeloven og allmennaksjeloven: Lov 13. juni 1997 nr 44: Lov om aksjeselskaper (aksjeloven) og lov 13. juni 1997 nr 45: Lov om allmennaksjeselskaper (allmennaksjeloven). 2. utg. Oslo : Universitetsforlaget

Course outline

Introduction to corporate law, including an overview of forms of corporation, registration in the Register of Business Enterprises, business name rules

Detailed description of joint stock companies and public joint stock companies, including establishing a business, a company's equity, share transactions, company organisation, changes in company equity, company restructuring, dissolution and liquidation.

Detailed description of partnerships, including establishing a business, a partnership's equity and participant liability, company organisation, changes in ownership, dissolution and liquidation.

Computer-based tools

Blackboard/home pages

Learning process and workload

36 hours of lectures, discussions and exercises. Students are expected to be prepared for class. The course language is Norwegian.

Please note that while attendance is not compulsory in all courses, it is the student's own responsibility to obtain any information provided in class that is not included on the course homepage/Blackboard or text book.

Examination

A 5-hour written exam.

Specific information regarding student evaluation beyond the information given in the course description will be provided in class. This information may be relevant for requirements for term papers or other hand-ins, and/or where class participation can be one of several elements of the overall evaluation.

Exam code(s)

GRA 62131 accounts for 100% of the finale grade inn the course GRA 6213.

Examination support materials

Norwegian acts and regulations.

Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary.
<http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

Re-sit examination

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When the course evaluation has a separate exam code for each part of the evaluation it is possible to retake parts of the evaluation. Otherwise, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee

Additional information**Honor Code**

Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and represent values that are encouraged and promoted by the honor code system. This is a most significant university tradition. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ideals of the honor code system, to which the faculty are also deeply committed.

Any violation of the honor code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for cheating. These issues are a serious matter to everyone associated with the programs at BI and are at the heart of the honor code and academic integrity. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honor code, please ask.