



Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data			2020/21	
Subject (*)	Succession Law		Code	612G01034
Study programme	Grao en Dereito			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	1st four-month period	Fourth	Obligatory	6
Language	SpanishEnglish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Dereito Privado			
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Web				
General description	The aim of this subject is for students to learn about of Inheritance Law.			



Contingency plan	1. Modifications to the contents
	No changes will be made.
	2. Methodologies
	*Teaching methodologies that are maintained
	It is planned to maintain all the methodologies identified in the teaching guide, without prejudice to their necessary adaptation.
	*Teaching methodologies that are modified
	The ?Master session? (methodology that is not subject to evaluation) must be adapted in order to be carried out online through Teams or Moodle.
	3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students
	No changes will be made. Personalized attention to the student will be carried out by any tool that allows connecting with the teacher, either through Moodle, Teams or email, respecting the tutoring schedules as much as possible. Despite this, personalized attention is continuous and daily.
	4. Modifications in the evaluation
	No changes will be made.
	*Evaluation observations:
	The guidelines and evaluation criteria will be announced to the students through Moodle. The final grade will consist of the sum of the total grades obtained by the student in the two methodologies (no minimum grade required to pass each one), according to the weights indicated above. To pass this subject, a minimum of 5 points out of 10 is required.
	5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy
	No changes will be made. All the necessary contents to pass the subject will be available in Moodle.

Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A1	Knowledge of the main legal institutions
A3	Grasping the systematic nature of the legal system
A4	Appreciating the interdisciplinary nature of legal problems
A8	Basic knowledge of legal argumentation.
A9	Ability to handle legal sources (legal, jurisprudential and doctrinal).
A10	Ability to interpret and critically assess the legal system.
A11	Ability to understand and write legal documents.
A12	Management of legal oratory (ability to express themselves properly in public).
A13	Mastering new technologies applied to law.
B2	Ability to know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the skills that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and the resolution of problems within their area of study.



B3	Ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
B4	Ability to transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to a specialized and non-specialized public.
B6	Learning to learn.
B7	Effective problem solving.
B8	Critical, logical, and creative thinking.
B9	Working autonomously on own initiative with a lifelong learning approach.
B10	Teamwork and collaboration.
B11	Ethical and social responsibility.
C4	Exercising an open, educated, critical, committed, democratic and supportive citizenship for the sake of the common good.
C7	Assume as a professional and citizen the importance of lifelong learning.
C8	Valuing the importance of research, innovation and technological development for the socioeconomic and cultural progress of society.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes		Study programme competences	
Knowledge of the main legal institutions	A1		
Perception of the systematic nature of the legal system	A3		
Perception of the interdisciplinary nature of legal problems	A4		
Basic knowledge of legal argumentation	A8		
Ability to handle legal sources (legal, case law and doctrinal)	A9		
Ability to interpret and critically analyse the legal system	A10		
Ability to understand and draft legal documents	A11		
Handling legal oratory	A12		
Proficiency in new technologies applied to Law	A13		
Effective problem solving		B7	
Applying critical, logical and creative thinking		B8 B2 B3 B4	C4 C7 C8
Working independently with initiative and in a collaborative way		B6 B9 B10 B11	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
LESSON 1. SUCCESSION AND SUCCESSION LAW	1.- Succession mortis causa and the law of succession. The principles of inheritance law. 2.- Heir and legatee. Determination of the type of appeal.
LESSON 2. INHERITANCE. THE PHASES OF HEREDITARY SUCCESSION	1.- Inheritance. 2.- The phases of hereditary succession. 3.- In particular, the way of acquiring an inheritance. 4.- Recumbent inheritance. 5.- Taking possession of inherited assets.
LESSON 3. CAPACITY TO INHERIT	1.- Absolute incapacities. 2.- Survival. 3.- Unworthiness. 4.- Relative incapacity. 5.- Effects of unworthiness and relative incapacity.



LESSON 4. RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR FORGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Concept, classes and informing principles of right to accept or forgo.</li><li>2.- The right of transmission.</li><li>3.- The right of representation.</li><li>4.- The right of accession.</li></ul>
LESSON 5. THE WILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Concept, nature and features of the will.</li><li>2.- Capacity to make a will.</li><li>3.- Vices of the will in testamentary matters.</li><li>4.- Interpretation of the will.</li></ul>
LESSON 6. TYPES OF WILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Common and special wills.</li><li>2.- The ordinary open will.</li><li>3.- The special open will: the danger of death will.</li><li>4.- The closed will.</li><li>5.- The holographic will.</li></ul>
LESSON 7. CONTENT OF THE WILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The appointment of an heir: A] The action to claim an inheritance. B] Liability of the heir for the debts and burdens of the inheritance. C] Disposal of the inheritance. Effects. Withdrawal of co-heirs. D] Proof and registration of the right of the heir.</li><li>2. Legacies: A] Concept. B] Subjects. C] Subject-matter. D] Acquisition of the right to the legacy. E] Preference between legatees. F] Inefficiency of the legacy.</li><li>3. Substitutions: A] Concept and types of substitution. B] Vulgar substitution. C] Pupillary substitution. D] Exemplary substitution. E] Trustee substitution.</li></ul>
LESSON 9. INTESTATE INHERITANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Causes and order of precedence in the Civil Code.</li><li>2.- Articles 267 to 269 of the Civil Law of Galicia.</li></ul>
LESSON 10. FORCED INHERITANCE: LEGITIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Legitim under the Civil Code: A] Holders entitled to legitim and free portion. B] Calculation of the legitim. C] Defence of the legitim: actions, disownership and disinheritance.</li><li>2.- Legitim in the Civil Law of Galicia: Forced heirs and amount [arts. 238, 243, 253 and 254 LDCG ? Civil Law of Galicia].</li></ul>
LESSON 11. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF INHERITANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Acceptance, rejection and benefit of inventory: A] Ius delationis (the heir's right to accept or reject): Contents and requirements. B] Acceptance and systems of responsibility. The benefit of inventory. C] ?Pure and simple acceptance?, ?acceptance under benefit of inventory? and universal inheritance.</li><li>2.- Acceptance and rejection: General theory: A] Common features. B] Capacity and legitimacy. C] Time frame for accepting and rejecting. Judicial interpellation and the right to deliberate.</li><li>3.- Acceptance of inheritance: A] Delimitation. B] Forms of acceptance.</li><li>4.- Acceptance and responsibility of the heir.</li><li>5.- Rejection of inheritance: A] Concept and form. B] Effects. In particular, article 1,001 of the Civil Code.</li></ul>
LESSON 12. ACCEPTANCE WITH BENEFIT OF INVENTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- Delimitation. General effects of the benefit of inventory.</li><li>2.- Legal system: A] The power to make use of the benefit of inventory. B] Application and form. C] The term. D] The inventory. E] Administration of the inheritance. F] Payment of inheritance taxes. G] Accountability. H] The post-payment system. I] Loss of the benefit of inventory.</li></ul>
LESSON 13. HEREDITARY COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.- General concepts.</li><li>2.- Legal system of the hereditary community.</li></ul>



LESSON 14. HEREDITARY PARTITION: GENERAL CONCEPTS, PARTITION OPERATIONS, AND TYPES OF PARTITION	1.- Hereditary partition: general concepts. 2.- Partition operations. 3.- Types of partition: A] Partition by the testator. B] Partition by estate partitioner or trustee. C] Partition by court-appointed estate partitioner. D] Conventional partition. E] Judicial partition. 4.- Effects, invalidity and ineffectiveness of the partition.
LESSON 15. COLLATION	1.- Concept and basis. 2.- Subjective requirements. 3.- Objective requirements. 4.- Method of executing collation. 5.- Effects.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A1 A3 A4 A9 A10	45	21	66
Case study	A1 A3 A4 A8 A9 A10 A11 A12 A13 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B2 B3 B4 C4 C7 C8	21	42	63
Objective test	A1	4	0	4
Personalized attention		17	0	17
(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.				

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Guest lecture / keynote speech	It will consist of the presentation of the fundamental aspects of the topics that make up the syllabus of the subject.
Case study	It will consist of the analysis of practical cases.
Objective test	Exam of the theoretical and practical contents of the subject included in the syllabus.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Case study	For the study of cases, in addition to the general indications, the students will receive, individually or in work groups, the guidelines that are necessary for the correct preparation of their work.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Case study	A1 A3 A4 A8 A9 A10 A11 A12 A13 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B2 B3 B4 C4 C7 C8	A critical study of different case studies.	30
Objective test	A1	The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions about the contents of the subject and the readings related with the different topics.	70

Assessment comments
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It's essential to attend and participate in classes in order to know the whole content of the subject and the main points, particularly because there is no specific treaty or handbook about these issues.

It will be necessary to prepare a presentation or dissertation about some aspects of the syllabus

and to solve some cases. These activities -attending classes, preparing a dissertation and the cases- will count for 30% of the final mark.

A final exam ?multiple-choice? will be taken.

It will count for 70% of the final mark. It's necessary to obtain a mark of 3.5 in the final exam to add the mark obtained from the activities.

## Sources of information

Basic	- PÉREZ ÁLVAREZ/MARTÍNEZ DE AGUIRRE/DE PABLO CONTRERAS/CÁMARA LAPUENTE (2016). CURSO DE DERECHO CIVIL (V). DERECHO DE SUCESIONES. EDISOFER
Complementary	

## Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before



Person's Law/612G01007

Family Law/612G01013

Obligations and Tort Law/612G01016

Contract Law/612G01024

Property Law/612G01027

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Other comments

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