Privacy and Law

General Information

Number of ECTS Credits
3

Abbreviation
CM_PrivLaw / CM_PrivLaw_DE / CM_PrivLaw _EN

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Responsible of module
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Language

	Lausanne	Bern	Zurich DE	Zurich EN	Lugano
Instruction	☐ E ☒ F	☐ D ☐ E ☐ F	☒ D ☐ E	☐ D ☒ E	☐ E
Documentation	☐ E ☒ F	☐ D ☐ E ☐ F	☒ D ☐ E	☐ D ☒ E	☐ E
Examination	☐ E ☒ F	☐ D ☐ E ☐ F	☒ D ☐ E	☐ D ☒ E	☐ E

Module category

☐ Fundamental theoretical principles
☐ Technical/scientific specialization module
☒ Context module

Lessons

☒ 2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

Brief course description of module objectives and content

In the Privacy and Law module, students gain an awareness of the threats to privacy in the postmodern society and are prompted to reflect on values in the historical and intercultural context.

Students acquire an overview (system and reference knowledge) of legal aspects that have not been specifically covered in either the vocational baccalaureate or in the Bachelor's degree course. In the knowledge and information society these are, in particular, the legal aspects of non-material goods such as data, copyright, brand rights, etc.

Aims, content, methods

Learning objectives and acquired competencies

Understanding the different dimensions of privacy. Thinking in the corresponding contexts. Transferring privacy aspects to and within the private and work environment and reflecting upon these, establishing links with learning content in the MRU and the technical modules.

Acquiring an appreciation of the legal aspects confronting an engineer in demanding professional situations. Gaining awareness in order to avoid damages due to infringements of rights or legal uncertainty. Acquisition of speaking and listening skills in order to conduct the corresponding specialist discussions with experts.

Contents of module with emphasis on teaching content

Introduction to law and the privacy aspects of law
Understanding and reflecting upon the relationship between data protection, copyright protection and privacy, and links to technological developments, knowledge of conflicts of objectives
Knowledge of the creation and development of privacy as a fundamental/human right
Knowledge of the main elements of data and personality protection
Knowledge of the correct handling of the internet at the workplace
Knowledge of whistleblowing-concepts
Knowledge of the main elements of copyright
Knowledge of the main elements of liability law as per the Swiss Code of Obligations and special legislative acts
Understanding the possibilities and limits of passing on liability claims
Overview of insurance products and knowledge of their efficiency
Knowledge of the main elements of the contracts of relevance in industry
Knowledge of the main elements of patent law
Knowledge of the main elements of brand and design law

Knowledge of the publicity principle

Knowledge of criminal-law aspects

Formative tests

Teaching and learning methods

Frontal instruction in the lectures (2 lessons per week)

Seminar-type teaching in the tutorials (1 lesson per week)

Prerequisites, previous knowledge, entrance competencies

None

Literature

Lecture notes provided by the lecturer and the references to current literature they contain

Assessment

Certification requirements for final examinations (conditions for attestation)

80% attendance

Written module examination

Duration of exam :	120 minutes
Permissible aids:	Open book