

COURSE DETAIL

CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY LAW

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

146

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

CORP SUSTAIN LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course introduces the new, interdisciplinary field of Corporate Sustainability Law, which identifies and analyzes the multi-layered regulatory framework that intends to promote corporate sustainability. Corporate sustainability concerns the contribution of business to sustainability, which is necessary if we are going to be able to achieve overarching sustainability goals in this decade of action towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The course positions the discussion of business in the unsustainable reality of our time, and analyzes how business can create value in a sustainable way. Creating sustainable value is, amongst other things, contributing to the protection of human rights, ensuring decent work, and fair taxation. Sustainable value creation is also about contributing to mitigating climate change, reversing biodiversity loss, and phasing out novel entities such as microplastics. It discusses sectors such as the energy sector, the food industry, and the fashion industry, as concrete examples of the unsustainability of business as usual. The course draws on extensive comparative company law and corporate governance research as a basis for analyzing and discussing these developments in the EU and the national developments, including the Norwegian Transparency Act ('Åpenhetsloven'). The course provides a thorough understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of the dominant and of newer, more progressive approaches to the company. The core themes of the course are corporate purpose, governance of the business (including of global value chains), and the evolving duties of the board.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

JUS5528

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Law

Host Institution Degree

Master

Host Institution Department

Law

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