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COURSE SYLLABUS

**Б1.О.01.16.01 Basic Provisions of Civil Law / Основные положения
гражданского права**

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

40.03.01 JURISPRUDENCE

field of studies / speciality code and title

**The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of
higher education:**

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

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1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The goals of the course are to obtain basic knowledge in the field of Civil Law, understanding of the civil legislation system, the meaning of Civil Law subject matter and possibilities of creative practical implementation in it, acquisition by students of practical skills necessary for the successful implementation of professional activities.

Studying of the Civil Law discipline contributes to the development of students' legal thinking, a deeper understanding of Russian law in general, and is also necessary to study other disciplines of the Civil Law cycle.

Study objectives of the discipline are:

- development of students' knowledge about the essence of Civil Law as a branch of law, as a science and as an academic discipline, as well as about the place and role of Civil Law in Russian legal system;
- development of the ability to define tasks within the framework of the set goal and choose best ways of their solution on the basis of existing legal norms;
- development of the ability to analyze, interpret and apply the substantive law when solving problems in the field of professional activity;
- development of the ability to logically correct, reasoned and clear written and oral speech, to use the professional legal vocabulary correctly;
- ability to effectively obtain legally significant information from various sources, including legal databases, to solve problems of professional activity with the use of information technologies and taking into account the requirements of information security;
- development of the ability to skillfully apply legal norms in specific spheres of legal activity, correctly and fully reflect it in the form prescribed by the law.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course (module) of Civil Law intends to train and guide students to achieve the development of following competences (competences in part):

Table 2.1. List of target competencies (parts of competencies)

Code (GC, GPC, PC)	Competence	Competence indicators
GC-2	GC-2. Can specify the range of tasks within the goal and choose the best ways to complete them based on the current legal norms, available resources and restrictions.	GC-2.3. Identifies the available resources, restrictions and the current legal norms based on the tasks given;
GPC-1	GPC-1. Can analyze the main patterns of formation, implementation and development of law.	GPC-1.1. Knows the basics of the history of law, its nature and patterns; GPC-1.2. Uses legal methodology in order to analyze the main patterns of formation, implementation and development of law; GPC-1.3. Formulates and explains their position to complete professional tasks using relevant legal information

Code (GC, GPC, PC)	Competence	Competence indicators
GPC-2	GPC-2. Can apply the norms of substantive and procedural law to solve professional problems	GPC-2.1. Knows the system of branches, institutions and sources of law, understands the specifics of implementation and interaction of norms of substantive and procedural law; GPC-2.2. Identifies and analyzes facts of law, legally significant facts and circumstances to apply specific norms of substantive and procedural law; GPC-2.3. Makes legally relevant decisions and formalizes them in strict accordance with the norms of substantive and procedural law.
GPC-4	GPC-4. Can interpret legal norms in a professional way.	GPC-4.1. Understands the nature and significance of legal norms and their interpretation in the legal profession; GPC-4.2. Has mastered the skills to apply various methods of interpreting laws, identify conflicts of laws and gaps in legal regulation; GPC-4.3. Masters the skills of presenting the results of legal interpretation and using them in implementation of law
GPC-5	GPC-5. Can use their speaking and writing skills in a cohesive, well-reasoned and logical way with a uniform and correct use of professional legal terminology.	GPC-5.1. Has mastered the main methods of formal logic and tactical methods of legal argumentation to express their oral and written position on a specific legal problem; GPC-5.2. Uses their speaking and writing skills in a cohesive, well-reasoned and logical way to set out the facts and circumstances, states their legal position; GPC-5.3. Correctly uses legal terminology in professional communication.
GPC-6	GPC-6. Can participate in the process of drafting regulatory acts and other legal documents.	GPC-6.1. Identifies the necessity of drafting legal acts and other legal documents as well as their affiliated branch; GPC-6.2. Highlights and considers the features of various types of regulatory acts and other legal documents; GPC-6.3. Applies the legal techniques and rules to draft regulatory acts and other legal documents
GPC-8	GPC-8. Can obtain relevant legal information in a purposeful and efficient way from various sources, including legal databases, to complete specific professional tasks using information technology and considering information security requirements	GPC-8.1. Can obtain relevant legal information from various sources, including legal databases, processes and arranges it based on the goal; GPC-8.2. Uses information technology to complete specific professional tasks; GPC-8.3. Demonstrates the readiness to complete professional tasks while considering information security requirements.
PC-1	PC-1. Can draft regulatory acts, formulate legal norms for various levels of rulemaking and areas of professional activity	PC-1.1. Identifies the societal need for legal regulations of public relations in a particular area as well as gaps and conflicts in the current legislation and has the tools to overcome and eliminate them;
PC-2	PC-2. Can apply legal norms in specific legal areas and use them in the way prescribed by law	PC-2.2. Has mastered the skills of analyzing the facts of the case, qualifying the facts of law and legal relations that arise due to them, identifies legally significant circumstances; PC-2.5. Develops options for legal actions in strict accordance with the legislation and makes decisions in the form prescribed by law.

At the end of this course, students will:

know

- the system of sources and institutions of Civil Law;
- techniques of interpreting the rules of law;
- the legal vocabulary;
- specifics of law enforcement activities of jurisdictional bodies with law enforcement functions;
- procedure for the analysis of factual circumstances of the case, qualification of legal facts and legal relations arising in connection with them, identification of legally significant circumstances;
- methods of developing activity options in exact accordance with the law;

be able to

- analyze non-standard situations of law enforcement practice and offer best options for their solution;
- independently prepare expert legal opinions and conduct an examination of normative (individual) legal acts;
- professionally interpret the rules of law;
- build logically correct, reasoned and clear oral and written speech with a uniform and correct use of professional legal vocabulary;
- purposefully and effectively obtain legally significant information from various sources, including legal databases, to solve problems of professional activity with the use of information technologies and taking into account the requirements of information security.

3.COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course refers to the core/variable/elective component of (B1) block of the higher educational programme curriculum. The course represents a module of a wider course Civil Law / Гражданское право.

Within the higher education programme students also master other (modules) and / or internships that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as results of the course study.

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GC-2	GC-2. Can specify the range of tasks within the goal and choose the best ways to complete them based on the current legal norms, available resources and restrictions.	Philosophy Theory of State and Law Constitutional Law Administrative Law	Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science Financial Law and Tax Law Environmental Law and Land Law
GPC-1	GPC-1. Can analyze the main patterns of formation,	Theory of State and Law History of State and Law of Foreign Countries	Civil and Arbitration Procedure

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
	implementation and development of law.	History of Russian State and Law	International Public Law Labor Law International Private Law Commercial Law and Corporations Legal Research and Reasoning Roman Law Comparative Constitutional Law and Justice Comparative Criminal Law Comparative Administrative Law and Justice Comparative Civil and Commercial Law Comparative Criminal Procedure Comparative Civil Procedure Comparative Financial and Tax Law
GPC-2	GPC-2. Can apply the norms of substantive and procedural law to solve professional problems.	History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law / Civil Law / Comparative Civil and Commercial Law Civil and Arbitration Procedure International Public Law / Comparative Law Studies / Work Experience (Judicial) Internship /	International Private Law / Commercial Law and Corporations /
GPC-4	GPC-4. Can interpret legal norms in a professional way.	Philosophy Theory of State and Law Constitutional Law Administrative Law	Criminal Law Civil and Arbitration Procedure Financial Law and Tax Law International Public Law Labor Law International Private Law Commercial Law and Corporations /
GPC-5	GPC-5. Can use their speaking and writing skills in a cohesive, well-reasoned and logical way with a uniform and correct use of professional legal terminology.	Theory of State and Law History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Fundamentals of Public Speaking	Civil and Arbitration Procedure Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science Legal Research and Reasoning Comparing Legal Techniques
GPC-6	GPC-6. Can participate in the process of drafting regulatory acts and other legal documents..	Constitutional Law	Civil and Arbitration Procedure Financial Law and Tax Law International Public Law Environmental Law and Land Law Labor Law

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
			International Private Law Commercial Law and Corporations
GPC-8	GPC-8. Can obtain relevant legal information in a purposeful and efficient way from various sources, including legal databases, to complete specific professional tasks using information technology and considering information security requirements	Information Technologies in Legal Practice (Fundamentals of Legal Tech) / Civil Law / Civil and Arbitration Procedure / Computer Science / Comparative Civil and Commercial Law / Work Experience (Judicial) Internship /	International Private Law / Commercial Law and Corporations / Law and Artificial Intelligence / Data Regulation and Protection in Digital Age / Communications and Internet Law and Policy / Legal Design / Legal Tech: Advanced Course / Workshop "Procedural Documents in Civil Cases" / Workshop "Negotiations and Contracts" / Work Experience (Pre-graduation) Internship /
PC-1	PC-1. Can draft regulatory acts, formulate legal norms for various levels of rulemaking and areas of professional activity.	Theory of State and Law / Administrative Law / Constitutional Law / Civil Law / Financial Law and Tax Law / International Public Law / Educational Internship /	International Private Law / Commercial Law and Corporations
PC-2	PC-2. Can apply legal norms in specific legal areas and use them in the way prescribed by law	Russian Legal System and Legal Traditions / Comparative Law Studies / Comparative Constitutional Law and Justice /	International Private Law / Commercial Law and Corporations / Law and Artificial Intelligence / Data Regulation and Protection in Digital Age / Communications and Internet Law and Policy / Legal Design / Legal Tech: Advanced Course / Workshop "Procedural Documents in Civil Cases" / Workshop "Negotiations and Contracts" / Work Experience (Pre-graduation) Internship /

* To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the course is 2 credits (72 academic hours).

Table 4.1. Types of academic activities (full-time training) *

Type of academic activities		Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules
			3/5
<i>Classroom learning, academic hours</i>		51	51
including:			
Lectures (LC)		17	17
Lab work (LW)			
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)		34	34
<i>Self-studies</i>		18	18
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)</i>		3	3
Course workload	academic hours	72	72
	credits	2	2

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Section 1. Fundamentals of Civil Law: Concept and Sources	<p>Subsection 1.1. The Concept of Civil Law The historical background and criteria for dividing law into public and private law. The relationship between the concepts of "private law" and "civil law". Civil Law as a branch of private law and its place in the legal system. The subject of Civil Law regulation. The concept and types of property-related and non-property relations regulated by Civil Law. The Civil Law method of regulating social relations. The main functions and principles of Civil Law. The system of Civil Law.</p> <p>Subsection 1.2. Sources of Civil Law The concept and types of sources of Civil Law. International treaties, generally recognized principles, and norms of international law as sources of Civil Law and their place in the sources' system. The concept and composition of civil legislation. Civil legislation and the Constitution of the Russian Federation. The Civil Code as the main source of Civil Law. Other federal laws in the sphere of Civil Law. Other legal acts as sources of Civil Law. Ministerial regulations containing norms of Civil Law and the conditions for their validity. Customs as sources of Civil Law. The relationship between business customs and general customs. The significance of judicial practice in Civil Law. The application of Civil Law across time, space, and to different persons. The application of Civil Law by analogy.</p>	LC S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
	The interpretation of Civil Law norms.	
<p>Section 2. Civil Legal Relations: Concept, Subjects, Objects, and Foundations</p>	<p>Subsection 2.1. The Concept and Types of Civil Legal Relations The concept and structure of civil legal relations. The content of civil legal relations: the concept, content, and types of subjective civil rights and obligations. The concept and content of civil legal personality. The composition of participants (subjects) in civil legal relations. The objects of civil legal relations. Types of civil legal relations.</p> <p>Subsection 2.2. Subjects of Civil Legal Relations – Citizens (Natural Persons) Characteristics defining the legal status of a citizen. A citizen’s place of residence and its legal significance. The Civil Law implications of civil acts. The concept and content of legal capacity of citizens (natural persons). Grounds for its emergence and termination. Capacity to act of citizens (natural persons): concept, content, and types. Capacity to act of minors. Emancipation. Restrictions on capacity to act. Declaring a citizen legally incompetent. Guardianship and trusteeship. Patronage for legally capable persons. Procedures, conditions, and legal consequences of declaring a citizen missing or deceased. Legal status of sole proprietors. Bankruptcy of a sole proprietor.</p> <p>Subsection 2.3. Subjects of Civil Legal Relations – Legal Entities The concept and characteristics of a legal entity. Means of individualizing a legal entity and their Civil Law significance. Legal capacity and capacity to act of a legal entity. Governance bodies, representative offices, and branches of legal entities. Formation of legal entities: procedures and methods. Reorganisation of legal entities: types and procedures. Termination of a legal entity. Liquidation procedures. Insolvency (bankruptcy) of legal entities: key bankruptcy procedures. Termination by decision of the registration authority. Types of legal entities: classification and Civil Law significance. Corporations</p>	<p>LC S</p>

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
	<p>and non-corporate entities. Commercial and non-commercial organisations. Business partnerships and companies. Legal personality specifics of partnership and company types. Subsidiary companies: concept and Civil Law status. Production cooperatives. State and municipal unitary enterprises. Legal status of non-commercial organisations: Consumer cooperatives, public and religious organisations (associations), charitable and similar funds, associations of legal entities (alliances/unions). Institutions as legal entities: types. Non-profit partnerships and other forms.</p> <p>Subsection 2.4. Subjects of Civil Legal Relations – Public-Law Entities</p> <p>Types of public-law entities in civil legal relations. Concept, content, and specifics of their civil legal personality. Circumstances and procedures for state and public-law entities’ participation in civil legal relations. Special rules for property liability of the state and public-law entities.</p> <p>Subsection 2.5. Objects of Civil Legal Relations</p> <p>Concept and types of objects. The term "property" in Civil Law. Things as objects: classification. Property assets. Money as an object: legal treatment of cash and non-cash forms. Securities: concept, classification, and legal regimes (documentary/non-documentary). Works, services, and protected intellectual creations (intellectual property). Personal non-property benefits as non-material objects.</p> <p>Subsection 2.6. Grounds for Emergence, Change, and Termination of Civil Legal Relations. Transactions</p> <p>Concept and classification of legal facts in Civil Law. Fact patterns. Transactions: concept and types (contracts/unilateral/conditional). Validity requirements for transactions: intent, expression of will, and form. Consequences of non-compliance. State registration requirements for certain transactions. Invalid transactions: grounds (voidable/void), partial invalidity, and legal consequences.</p>	

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types

* - to be filled in only for **full** -time training: *LC* - lectures; *LW* - lab work; *S* - seminars.

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
Lecture	Classroom for lectures, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Lab	Classroom for lab work, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Seminars	Classroom for seminars, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Computer classroom	Computer classroom for academic activity, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, 30 personal computers, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Self-studies Classroom	Classroom for Self-studies, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Courtroom	Classroom for court hearing simulation equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
		Office, MS Teams), Chrome

* It is necessary to specify a classroom for self-study of students

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main reading (sources):

1. Belov, V. A. Civil Law in 2 vols. Vol. 1. General Part : a textbook for universities / V. A. Belov. — Moscow : Yurayt Publishing House, 2026. — 451 p. — (Higher Education). — ISBN 978-5-534-00327-7. — Text : electronic // Educational platform Yurayt [website]. — URL: <https://urait.ru/bcode/584221>

Additional (optional) reading (sources):

1. Civil Code of the Russian Federation. Part 1. // URL: https://docs.yandex.ru/docs/view?tm=1774858851&tld=ru&lang=en&name=1-civil-code-of-the-russian-federation-part-one-.pdf&text=Russian%20Civil%20law%20student%20book&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww1.fips.ru%2Fupload%2Fmedialibrary%2FDoc_Content%2F1-civil-code-of-the-russian-federation-part-one-.pdf&lr=213&mime=pdf&l10n=ru&sign=bdc1874addef41edf19e98eeb09c6276&keyno=0&nosw=1&serpParams=tm%3D1774858851%26tld%3Dru%26lang%3Den%26name%3D1-civil-code-of-the-russian-federation-part-one-.pdf%26text%3DRussian%2BCivil%2Blaw%2Bstudent%2Bbook%26url%3Dhttps%2F53A%2F%2Fwww1.fips.ru%2Fupload%2Fmedialibrary%2FDoc_Content%2F1-civil-code-of-the-russian-federation-part-one-.pdf%26lr%3D213%26mime%3Dpdf%26l10n%3Dru%26sign%3Dbdc1874addef41edf19e98eeb09c6276%26keyno%3D0%26nosw%3D1
2. Paul B. Miller, John Oberdiek. Civil Wrongs and Justice in Private Law. Oxford University Press. 2020
3. Private and Civil Law in the Russian Federation. Essays in Honor of F.J.M. Feldbrugge Law in Eastern Europe/LEIDEN • BOSTON 2009

Internet-(based) sources:

1. Electronic libraries with access for RUDN students
 - RUDN Electronic library system <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
 - Electronic library system «University Library online» <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
 - Electronic Library «URAIT» <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
 - Electronic library system «Student. Consultant» www.studentlibrary.ru
 - Electronic library system «Lan» <http://e.lanbook.com/>
 - Electronic library system "Troitskyi most"

Internet-(based) sources (others):

1. Databases and search engines:

- Electronic Legal and Regulatory Documentation Fund <http://docs.cntd.ru/>
- Search system Yandex <https://www.yandex.ru/>
- Search system Google <https://www.google.ru/>
- SCOPUS <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/>
- Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>

Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course *:

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM* FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVEL UPON COURSE COMPLETION

The assessment toolkit and the grading system* to evaluate the competences formation level (competences in part) upon the course study completion are specified in the Appendix to the course syllabus.

* The assessment toolkit and the grading system are formed on the basis of the requirements of the relevant local normative act of RUDN University (regulations / order).

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