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COURSE SYLLABUS

Б1.О.01.16.03 Law of Obligations. Tort Law / Обязательственное право.
Деликтное право

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 fundamental knowledge in the field of contractual and non-contractual obligations, with particular focus on tort liability under Russian civil legislation. The course provides understanding of the legal system governing obligations, the significance of tort law in civil law relations, and practical skills for professional implementation in this sphere.

Studying the Law of Obligations and Tort Law contributes to the development of students' legal thinking and deeper comprehension of civil liability mechanisms in the Russian legal system, while forming the necessary basis for mastering other civil law disciplines.

Study objectives of the discipline are:

- Development of students' knowledge about the essence of obligations and tort law as institutions of civil law, their place and role in the Russian legal system;
- Formation of ability to identify legal problems in the field of obligations and determine optimal solutions based on current civil legislation;
- Development of skills to analyze, interpret and apply norms of substantive law when resolving practical cases in the field of contractual and tort liability;
- Mastering techniques of logically correct, reasoned and clear legal argumentation using proper professional terminology in both written and oral forms;
- Acquisition of skills to effectively search and analyze legally significant information from various sources, including legal databases, using modern information technologies while observing information security requirements;
- Development of practical abilities to apply legal norms in specific situations of tort liability, including proper documentation in accordance with legal requirements.

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 legal institutions regulating obligations and tort liability in Russian civil law
- Special techniques for interpreting norms of obligations and tort law
- Professional legal terminology in the field of obligations and compensation for harm
- Specifics of law enforcement practice in tort disputes and contractual obligations cases
- Procedures for analyzing factual circumstances, qualifying legal relations, and identifying legally significant aspects in obligations and tort cases
- Methods for developing legally justified solutions in matters of contractual and tort liability

Be able to:

- Analyze complex situations in contractual relations and tort cases, proposing optimal legal solutions
- Independently prepare expert opinions and conduct legal analysis of normative and individual acts in the field of obligations
- Professionally interpret legal norms governing contractual relations and tort liability
- Formulate logically sound, reasoned legal positions using proper professional terminology in both written and oral form
- Effectively search and analyze legally significant information from various sources, including legal databases and court practice, while observing information security requirements

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, implementation and development of law.	Theory of State and Law History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law	Civil and Arbitration Procedure International Public Law Labor Law International Private Law Commercial Law and Corporations Legal Research and Reasoning Roman Law Comparative Constitutional Law and

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
			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 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	Information Technologies in Legal Practice (Fundamentals of Legal Tech) / Civil Law / Civil and Arbitration Procedure / Computer Science / Comparative Civil and Commercial Law /	International Private Law / Commercial Law and Corporations / Law and Artificial Intelligence / Data Regulation and Protection in Digital Age

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
	requirements	Work Experience (Judicial) Internship /	/ 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 3 credits (108 academic hours).

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

Type of academic activities	Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules
		4/7
<i>Classroom learning, academic hours</i>	45	45
including:		
Lectures (LC)	15	15
Lab work (LW)		
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)	30	30

<i>Self-studies</i>		45	45
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam/ passing/failing grade)</i>		18	18
Course workload	academic hours	108	108
	credits	3	3

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Section 1. General provisions on obligations	<p>The concept of liability law. Liability law as a sub-branch of civil law. Obligations: concept, grounds for arising, content, and types. Subjects of obligations. Obligations with plurality of parties. Obligations involving third parties. Substitution of parties in obligations. Performance of obligations. Principles of fulfilling obligations. Conditions and methods of obligation fulfillment. The concept and types of security measures for obligation performance. Penalty: definition and types. Deposit: functions. Surety: concept, types, and content. Bank guarantee: content and types. Retention: concept and subject matter. Rights and obligations of the retaining party and debtor. Pledge: concept, grounds for creation, object, and types. Content of pledge relationships. Foreclosure on pledged property. Pledge of goods in circulation. Pledge of items in pawnshops. Termination of obligations. Concept and grounds for terminating obligations.</p>	LC S
Section 2. Civil Law contract (general provisions)	<p>The essence and significance of civil law contracts. The concept of a contract. Freedom of contract and its limitations. Types of contracts in civil law. Contractual content: essential terms and conditions. Interpretation of contract provisions. Contract formation: procedure and stages. Offer and acceptance. Mandatory contract conclusion. Special aspects of tender-based contract formation. Contract formal requirements. The decisive moment of contract formation. Contract modification and termination: grounds, procedures, and legal consequences.</p>	LC S
Section 3. Non-contractual obligations. Tort obligations	<p>The concept and main features of non-contractual obligations, and their distinction from contractual obligations. Types and functions of non-contractual obligations. The concept and legal nature of tort obligations (obligations arising from harm). The relationship between "tort obligation" and "tort liability". Basis and conditions for tort obligations. The general tort principle. Obligations arising from harm prevention. Subjects and object of tort obligations. Joint tortfeasors and their liability. Recourse claims in tort cases.</p> <p>Content of tort obligations. The full compensation principle. Consideration of the victim's fault and the tortfeasor's financial circumstances. Compensation methods. Moral damages: concept, compensable cases, and scope. Obligations from harm caused by unlawful acts of public authorities or officials in their official capacity.</p> <p>Tort obligations arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of minors and legally incapacitated persons • Operations involving sources of heightened danger • Harm to life or health • Consumer harm due to defective goods, works, or 	LC S

	services	
Section 4. Obligations from unreasonable benefit	The concept of obligations arising from unjust enrichment (condictio obligations) and their conditions of emergence. The content of unjust enrichment obligations. Types of unjust enrichment exempt from restitution. Subsidiary application of unjust enrichment obligations. The relationship between condictio claims and restitutionary, contractual, vindicatory, and tort claims.	LC S

* - 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	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
	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 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&110n=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%253A%2F%2Fwww1.fips.ru%2Fupload%2Fmedialibrary%2FDoc_Content%2F1-civil-code-of-the-russian-federation-part-one-.pdf%26lr%3D213%26mime%3Dpdf%26110n%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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