

BACHELOR PROGRAM

BACHELOR IN BUSINESS LAW

Master the law in service of corporate strategy!

Bachelor Droit des Affaires — Maîtriser le droit au service de la stratégie d'entreprise!

3 years

BACHELOR 1 AS COMMON CORE,...

180 ECTS

60 PER YEAR, 30 PER SEMESTER,...

2 diplomas

BACHELOR IN BUSINESS LAW...

DEGREES AWARDED · DIPLÔMES DÉLIVRÉS

Bachelor in Business Law (ESG Paris)

Bachelor's Degree in Private Law, Legal Careers Track (UFRA)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Université Française d'Abidjan · ESG Graduate School — Abidjan



01 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Présentation du programme

The Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Law trains operational legal professionals capable of securing company operations, mastering the OHADA framework, and both preventing and handling disputes.

The program follows a rigorous progression.

- ◆ First year, common core laying the foundations: law, accounting, economics, management, digital tools;
- ◆ Second year, Law track: obligations, commercial law, business criminal law, commercial companies, GDPR, legal risk management;
- ◆ Third year, full specialization: special contracts, security interests, procedure and enforcement proceedings, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, advanced tax law, consumer law, governance and digital ethics;
- ◆ All anchored by a legal clinic in real-world conditions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Provide a comprehensive legal foundation: obligations, commercial law, corporate law, labor law, and business criminal law;
- ◆ Master the OHADA framework and business law practices in West Africa;
- ◆ Know how to draft legal instruments, secure transactions, and map legal risks;
- ◆ Conduct litigation and master arbitration and alternative dispute resolution methods;
- ◆ Ensure rapid professional integration through the legal clinic, internships, and capstone projects.

KEY FACTS · REPÈRES

Licence · Bac+3

3 years

French

Post-Bac or parallel

EXIT LEVEL

DURATION

LANGUAGE OF...

ADMISSION

02 GRADUATE SKILLS

Les compétences du diplômé

Qualify

Master the sources of law, legally qualify a situation, and build rigorous legal reasoning.

Secure

Draft and negotiate contracts and legal instruments, secure corporate life within the OHADA framework.

Defend

Conduct litigation, master procedure, enforcement proceedings, arbitration, and mediation.

Protect

Ensure compliance (GDPR), manage legal risks, and protect intellectual property.

Advise

Support executives on labor law, taxation, governance, and ethics.

Communicate

Plead cases, consult within the legal clinic, work in legal English, and present an analysis.

The Bachelor is part of a continuum that extends through the Master's and the MBA. The first year is common to all tracks; the Law specialization opens in the second year and deepens in the third.

Stage	Content	ECTS
Bachelor 1	Common core: methods, tools, accounting, law, economics, marketing	60
Bachelor 2	General foundation and introduction to the Law track	60
Bachelor 3	Full Law specialization and professional capstone	60
TOTAL Bachelor	3 years, 6 semesters	180
Then Master 1	Common foundation and Law branch	60
Then Master 2	Second-cycle specialization	60
Or MBA Fast-Track	Executive, 12 months	90

- Progression rule: each year is worth 60 ECTS, i.e. 30 per semester;
- A year is validated with an overall average of 10/20 or higher;
- Specialty subjects and the capstone carry a coefficient of 2;
- Common and cross-disciplinary subjects carry a coefficient of 1.

CURRICULUM*

The tables below present the official program structure: subjects and ECTS credits, in teaching order. Indicative structure, subject to pedagogical adjustments.

BACHELOR 1 - COMMON CORE (60 ECTS)**60 ECTS***Year common to all tracks. Specialization begins in Bachelor 2.*

Academic Methodology & Documentary Research · Sem. S1	1	Marketing Fundamentals & Digital Marketing · Sem. S2	5
Office Tools (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Collaborative Tools) · Sem. S1	3	International Trade Fundamentals · Sem. S2	2
General Economics & Contemporary Global Issues · Sem. S1	3	Practical Workshop: SAARI Accounting Software · Sem. S2	1
Sociology & Business Organization · Sem. S1	2	Practical Workshop: Reading Court Rulings & Drafting Legal Documents · Sem. S2	1
Introduction to Law & Business Legal Environment · Sem. S1	5	Practical Workshop: Surveys, Marketing Research & Digital Creation · Sem. S2	1
General Accounting · Sem. S1	5	Soft Skills (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Negotiation) · Sem. S2	4
Business English · Sem. S1	2	CV Workshop & Career Discovery · Sem. S2	1
Financial Mathematics · Sem. S2	2	Capstone & Research Work · Sem. S2	12
Data Analysis & Statistics · Sem. S2	1	Company Visits, Expert Masterclasses & Conferences · Sem. S1-S2	9

BACHELOR 2 - LAW (60 ECTS)**60 ECTS***Common general foundation and introduction to the Law track.*

Law of Obligations I: Contract · Sem. S3	3	Commercial Company Law · Sem. S4	3
Law of Obligations II: Civil Liability · Sem. S3	3	Introduction to Corporate Taxation · Sem. S4	1
General Criminal Law · Sem. S3	3	Digital Law & Data Protection (GDPR) · Sem. S4	2
General Commercial Law · Sem. S3	3	Legal Risk Management · Sem. S4	1
General Accounting · Sem. S3	2	International Agreements and Treaties · Sem. S4	1
Administrative Law · Sem. S3	2	Geopolitics of Technology · Sem. S4	1
Legal and Business English II · Sem. S3	4	Soft Skills (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Negotiation) · Sem. S4	3
Ethics, CSR & Professional Conduct · Sem. S3	2	Entrepreneurship & Business Model · Sem. S4	1
Labor Law I: Individual Relations · Sem. S4	2	Capstone & Research Work · Sem. S4	13
Business / Special Criminal Law · Sem. S4	2	Company Visits, Expert Masterclasses & Conferences · Sem. S3-S4	8

Full specialization year, concluding with a professional capstone.

Law of Special Contracts · Sem. S5	3	Private International Law II: Conflict of Jurisdictions · Sem. S6	1
Law of Security Interests · Sem. S5	3	Insurance Law · Sem. S6	1
Civil and Criminal Procedure & Enforcement Proceedings · Sem. S5	3	Real Estate and Construction Law · Sem. S6	1
Competition and Distribution Law · Sem. S5	2	Drafting Legal and Notarial Documents · Sem. S6	1
Intellectual Property Law · Sem. S5	2	Advanced Tax Law · Sem. S6	2
Banking and Financial Law · Sem. S5	1	Consumer Law · Sem. S6	1
Labor Law II: Collective Relations · Sem. S5	1	Governance & Digital Ethics · Sem. S6	1
Private International Law I: Conflict of Laws · Sem. S5	2	Financial Analysis · Sem. S6	1
Professional Ethics of Legal Professions · Sem. S5	1	Corporate Strategy & Governance · Sem. S6	1
Soft Skills (Leadership, Project Management, Innovation & Ethics) · Sem. S5	3	Legal Clinic I (Consultation, Legal Qualification) · Sem. S6	2
Legal and Business English III · Sem. S5	3	Legal Clinic II (Simulations, Moot Pleadings) · Sem. S6	1
Insolvency Proceedings & Companies in Difficulty · Sem. S6	1	Entrepreneurship & Business Model · Sem. S6	2
Business Litigation & Arbitration · Sem. S6	1	CV Preparation, Career Project & Internship Search · Sem. S6	1
Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation, Conciliation) · Sem. S6	1	Year-End Capstone (Professional Synthesis Project) · Sem. S6	10
Administrative Litigation Law · Sem. S6	1	Conferences, Expert Masterclasses & Company Visits · Sem. S5-S6	6

* Programmes may evolve to stay in step with changing professional practice.

04 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ASSESSMENT

Professionnalisation & évaluation

Component	ECTS	When
Capstone and research work (integrative project)	12	Bachelor 1
Capstone and research work (integrative project)	13	Bachelor 2
Capstone and research work (integrative project)	10	Bachelor 3
Company visits, masterclasses, and conferences	9	Bachelor 1
Company visits, masterclasses, and conferences	8	Bachelor 2
Company visits, masterclasses, and conferences	6	Bachelor 3
Practical workshops (accounting software, research, legal documents)	3	Bachelor 1
Professional integration (CV, career project, internship)	1	Bachelor 1
Professional integration (CV, career project, internship)	1	Bachelor 3
Company internship	0	Recommended in Bachelor 1 and 2, mandatory in Bachelor 3

THE PROJECT THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Each year concludes with a capstone, an integrative project that draws on the full range of specialty coursework;
- ◆ Students tackle a real business issue and produce a written professional deliverable;
- ◆ They defend it before a mixed panel of faculty and professionals;
- ◆ The capstone carries a coefficient of 2.

OTHER PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

- ◆ Case studies and business games;
- ◆ Group projects and research work;
- ◆ Masterclasses led by executives and sector experts;
- ◆ Company internships and professional immersions.

ASSESSMENT AND VALIDATION

Method	Indicative weight
Continuous assessment (case studies, exercises, participation)	40 %
Semester exams	40 %
Capstone and defense before a panel	20 %

- Coefficient of 2: specialty subjects, the capstone, and the internship;
- Coefficient of 1: common and cross-disciplinary subjects;
- The semester is validated from an overall average of 10/20, and the semester's 30 ECTS are then earned.

05 CAREERS & PARTNERSHIPS

Débouchés & partenariats

CAREER TRACKS

Corporate Law and Business Life

Secure company operations and legal life.

KEY COURSES

Commercial Company Law · Law of Special Contracts · Law of Security Interests · Competition and Distribution Law · Drafting Legal and Notarial Documents

CAREER PATHS

Corporate Legal Counsel · Legal Assistant · Paralegal · Legal Secretary · Law Firm Associate

Litigation, Arbitration, and Amicable Dispute Resolution

Prevent, manage, and resolve business disputes.

KEY COURSES

Civil and Criminal Procedure and Enforcement Proceedings · Business Litigation and Arbitration · Alternative Dispute Resolution · Legal Clinic I and II

CAREER PATHS

Litigation Legal Counsel · Attorney's Assistant · Debt Collection Officer · Mediation Assistant · Law Clerk

Labor Law and Human Resources

Secure the employment relationship and social dialogue.

KEY COURSES

Labor Law I: Individual Relations · Labor Law II: Collective Relations · Business Criminal Law · Professional Ethics of Legal Professions

CAREER PATHS

Labor Law Counsel · Human Resources Manager · Labor Relations Officer · HR Assistant

Digital Law, Taxation, and Compliance

Protect data, master taxation, and ensure compliance.

KEY COURSES

Digital Law and Data Protection (GDPR) · Governance and Digital Ethics · Legal Risk Management · Advanced Tax Law · Consumer Law

CAREER PATHS

Digital Law Counsel · DPO Assistant · Compliance Officer · Junior Tax Specialist · Compliance Consultant

FURTHER STUDIES

- ◆ Master 1: common foundation and Law branch, 60 ECTS;
- ◆ Master 2 in Business Law: 60 ECTS;
- ◆ Executive MBA Fast-Track (90 ECTS, 12 months) for working professionals.

ACADEMIC PARTNER

A DUAL DEGREE WITH ESG PARIS

A dual degree, two forms of recognition: Bachelor in Business Law awarded through the ESG Paris partnership, and Bachelor's Degree in Private Law, Legal Careers Track, accredited by the MESRS (Côte d'Ivoire).

3 capstones

ONE INTEGRATIVE...

Post-Bac

OR PARALLEL ADMISSION INTO...

4 tracks

CORPORATE LAW, LITIGATION,...

GET CERTIFIED WITH ICAD EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

The Institute for Executives and Managers (ICAD) offers professional certificates made up of stackable skill blocks shared with the degree's coursework. Blocks completed within a certificate can be recognized toward a degree, and vice versa.

ICAD professional certificate	ECTS
CERT-DRT-01 – Legal Management and Corporate Strategy	10
CERT-DRT-02 – Labor Law and Conflict Relations	8
CERT-DRT-03 – OHADA Arbitration, Mediation, and Amicable Dispute Resolution	9
CERT-DRT-04 – Compliance, GDPR, and Legal Tech	8
CERT-FIN-05 – Tax Engineering and Optimization	9
CERT-CGR-02 – Risk Management and Compliance	9

06 ADMISSION & TUITION

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ADMISSION PROCESS

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| 1
Online application
File and transcripts on ufra-esg.org | 2
File review
Assessment by the admission committee | 3
Motivation interview
On campus or by videoconference | 4
Enrollment
Admission decision and confirmation |
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Your background	You enter	Requirements
Baccalauréat (all tracks)	Bachelor 1 – Common Core	An aptitude for reasoning, strong writing skills, rigor
Bac+1 completed (60 ECTS)	Bachelor 2 – Law	Fundamentals of law (introduction, civil law)
Bac+2 completed (BTS, DUT, L2)	Bachelor 3 – Law	Solid foundations in civil and commercial law
Working professional	Bachelor 2 or 3 (prior learning assessment)	Experience in a legal, HR, or administrative role

FEES 2026-2027

Daytime classes, full-time program. Duration: 3 years. Language of instruction: French. Intake: 2026–2027 academic year.

APPLICATIONS OPEN – 2026-2027 INTAKE

Candidatures ouvertes – Rentrée 2026-2027

[UFRA-ESG.ORG](https://ufra-esg.org)



07 CAMPUS LIFE

Vie de campus

- ◆ Cocody Riviera 3 campus: library, study spaces and project rooms
- ◆ Competitions, business games and inter-school projects all year long
- ◆ Student societies: entrepreneurship, debate & public speaking, sports, culture
- ◆ Career support: annual corporate forum, alumni mentoring

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