

**Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**  
**Department of Civil Law No 1**

**SYLLABUS OF ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE**  
**«Legal aspects of the e-commerce»**

**The level of higher education** - the second (master's) level

The degree **of higher education** - master's degree

**Branch of knowledge** – 08 "Law"

**Specialty** - 081 "Law"

**Discipline status** - at the student's choice

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### *Abstract of the academic discipline*

The subject of the academic discipline is the legal regulation of relations arising between subjects of electronic commerce, at the international level, at the level of secondary legislation of the European Union and at the level of national legislation.

Relations in the field of electronic commerce are considered. The structure of these relations is determined, as well as the features of their occurrence and termination. The peculiarities of concluding contracts in the field of electronic commerce are analyzed. The place of the electronic form among other forms of transactions is determined. The specifics of relations between e-commerce entities in certain areas are clarified: in the field of providing digital content and digital services, protection of personal data, use of blockchain technologies, etc.

### *The purpose and tasks of the academic discipline*

*The purpose of the academic discipline* is to form a system of scientific and practical knowledge in the field of legal regulation of relations that arise between subjects of electronic commerce in the process of concluding and executing contracts.

#### *Tasks:*

- formation of a set of legal competencies necessary for a modern lawyer;

- development of skills and abilities to analyze international agreements that regulate relations between subjects of electronic commerce, and interpretation of their norms;

- learning the basics of comparative analysis of domestic and foreign legislation, which regulates the relations that arise between subjects of electronic commerce;

- acquiring the ability to apply provisions of domestic legislation and legislation of foreign countries when solving practical tasks;

- analysis and research of applied problems arising in the field of electronic commerce.

***Academic discipline in the structure of the educational and professional program. Interdisciplinary connections***

***Prerequisites*** : "Civil law" , "Contract law", "Consumer protection", "Tort law".

***Requirements*** : "The law of international treaties".

***Expected learning outcomes of a student of higher education***

As a result of mastering the academic discipline, the student of higher education must demonstrate the following learning results:

- LR-1. Define the concepts of "electronic commerce", "information society services" and "electronic trust services".
- LR-2. Explain the rules of application of international acts that regulate relations in the field of electronic commerce
- LR-3. Differentiate e-commerce participants and intermediate service providers
- LR-4. Apply the provisions of international, European and national legal acts to resolve disputes that arise between the subjects of e-commerce.
- LR-5. Classify contracts in the field of electronic commerce
- LR-6. Describe the approaches to determining the place of the electronic form among forms of transactions.

- LR-7. Describe approaches to determining the legal status of an electronic signature in the jurisdictions belonging to the Anglo-American and Romano-Germanic legal families.
- LR-8. Apply knowledge of contract law to resolve disputes arising between e-commerce entities
- LR-9. Explain the specifics of the relationship between users of online platforms and the operator of the online platform.
- LR-10. Define the concepts of "digital content" and "digital services"
- LR-11. Define the concepts of "personal data", "big data", "database" and be able to distinguish them
- LR-12. Explain the peculiarities of the functioning of blockchain technology as an environment for concluding contracts and carrying out transactions

**Types of educational activities and independent work  
for students of full-time higher education**

No	Classes (in contact with the lecturer)		Individual work (in hours)
	Topics of lectures	Topics of practical classes	
1	Electronic commerce as a special sphere of exchange of goods (works and services). Sources of e-commerce regulation.	Electronic commerce as a special sphere of exchange of goods (works and services). Sources of e-commerce regulation.	14
2	Legal status of subjects of electronic commerce.	Legal status of subjects of electronic commerce.	10
3	Concepts and types of contracts in the field of electronic commerce. Peculiarities of concluding contracts in the field of electronic commerce.	Concepts and types of contracts in the field of electronic commerce. Peculiarities of concluding contracts in the field of electronic commerce.	10
4	Electronic form.	Electronic form.	14
5	Relations between users and the operator of the online platform.	Relations between users and the operator of the online platform.	8
6	Conclusion and execution of contracts regarding digital content and digital services	Conclusion and execution of contracts regarding digital content and digital services	8

7	Protection of personal data of subjects of electronic commerce.	Protection of personal data of subjects of electronic commerce.	10
8	Blockchain technology as a transaction environment	Blockchain technology as a transaction environment	6

**Types of educational activities and independent work  
for students of higher education of distant form of education**

No	Topics of lectures	Topics of practical classes	Individual work (in hours)
1	Electronic commerce as a special sphere of exchange of goods (works and services). Sources of e-commerce regulation	Electronic commerce as a special sphere of exchange of goods (works and services). Sources of e-commerce regulation	110
2	Electronic form	Electronic form	
3	Relations between users and the operator of the online platform.	-	

***Independent work of students***

Independent work of students is carried out in the following forms:

- preparation of an individual final written work;
- development of new scientific and educational literature, generalization of practice, etc.;
- work on cases on the law of external relations (functions of bodies of external relations, privileges and immunities of bodies of external relations and their staff, etc.) ;
- performance of practical tasks, self-testing;
- writing essays and abstracts;
- preparation of presentations;
- abstract of scientific articles;
- preparation for practical classes and testing;
- preparation of reports abstracts for scientific and practical conferences.

Tasks and methodical recommendations for independent work are given in Methodical materials for the academic discipline "Legal aspects of e - commerce"

for students of the second (master's) level of higher education in the field of knowledge 08 "Law" specialty 081 "Law.

***Educational, methodical and information support  
academic discipline***

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13. Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market ('Directive on electronic commerce') . *Official Journal of the European Union* . L 178, 17.7.2000, p. 1–16 . URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32000L0031>

14. Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85 /577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council Text with EEA relevance . *Official Journal of the European Union* . L 304/64, 22.11.2011, 64–88. URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32011L0083>

15. Judgment of 12 July 2011, *L'Oréal SA and Others v eBay International AG and Others*, C-324/09, ECLI:EU:C:2011:474 . URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62009CJ0324>

16. Judgment of 16 February 2012, *Belgische Vereniging van Auteurs, Componisten en Uitgevers CVBA (SABAM) v Netlog NV* , C-360/10, ECLI:EU:C:2012:85 . URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A62010CJ0360>



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20. Judgment of 23 March 2010, *Google France SARL and Google Inc. v Louis Vuitton Malletier SA*, Case C-236/08, ECLI:EU:C:2010:159 . URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62008CJ0236>
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### ***Internet resources***

1. The website of the scientific library of Yaroslav the Wise National University of Law - <http://library.nlu.edu.ua/>

2. The official web portal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <http://rada.gov.ua/>

3. The UNCITRAL website is <https://uncitral.un.org/ru>

4. Website of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the UN - <https://ukraineun.org/>

5. The official website of the European Union is <http://europa.eu>

6. The unified state register of court decisions is <http://reyestr.court.gov.ua>

7. The official web portal of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine - <https://ccu.gov.ua/>

### ***SENMK***

Standardized electronic educational and methodological complex of the Department of Civil Law No. 1. URL: <https://library.nlu.edu.ua/senmk/item/224-tsyvilne-pravo-ukrainy-2-chastyna.html>

### ***Requirements of the teacher***

Applicants of higher education *must*: regularly attend lectures and practical/seminar classes; systematically and actively work during them;

convincingly present arguments when solving tasks; qualitatively perform written and practical tasks, tests and independent work, etc. Practical classes missed for valid reasons can be made up after prior agreement with the teacher.

Applicants of higher education *are recommended* to: participate in scientific conferences, competitions of scientific works, the work of the scientific circle of the department, prepare theses of scientific reports, etc.

*A mandatory requirement* is for students of higher education to comply with the norms **of the** Code of Academic Ethics of the Yaroslavl National Law University ([https://nlu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/kodeks\\_academichnoyi\\_etyky.pdf](https://nlu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/kodeks_academichnoyi_etyky.pdf)).

During classes in contact with the lecturer, it is allowed to use gadgets only for educational purposes (for example, to view lecture presentations). It is allowed to use laptops and tablets for keeping lecture notes and tracking the necessary information.

### *Control measures*

Evaluation of the results of mastering the academic discipline "Legal aspects of electronic commerce" provides for current and final control and is carried out on the basis of a cumulative point-rating system.

*Current* knowledge control includes:

- quality control of the students' assimilation of the program material of the academic discipline in practical classes using the following tools: oral/written survey, express survey, solving practical tasks, participation in the development of a case, preparation of a presentation, essay, etc. The current control is aimed at checking the level of the student's preparation in studying the material. In the course of the practical session, the student can receive an assessment on a four-point scale (0, 3, 4, 5);
- quality control of the students' assimilation of the program material of the academic discipline, which is conducted at the end of the modules in the form of colloquiums.

The mandatory form of independent work of students is the preparation of

an individual final written work. The maximum number of points based on the results of the defense of an individual final written work is 20 points.

The form of *final control of the* knowledge of higher education students in an academic discipline is a differentiated assessment. The minimum number of points to receive a differentiated credit is 60.

***Scale of final pedagogical control***

Rating according to the ECTS scale	Definition	Rating on a national scale for credit	Rating according to the 100-point scale used at NYU
<b>A</b>	<b>Excellent</b> - Excellent execution, with only a small number of errors	Success	90 - 100
<b>B</b>	<b>Very good</b> - above average with a few errors		80-89
<b>C</b>	<b>Good</b> - generally correct work with a number of minor errors		75-79
<b>D</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b> - not bad, but with a significant number of shortcomings		70-74
<b>E</b>	<b>Sufficient</b> – performance meets minimum criteria		60-69
<b>FX</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> - work needs to be done before rewriting	Unsuccess	35-59
<b>F</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> - serious further work is required, a mandatory repeat course		0 - 34