

**Course syllabus**

Subject name	European Union Law
Field of study	Constitutional Law
ECTS credits	6
Semester	2 (Spring)
Language	English
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1. Description

This course provides an introduction to the law of the EU, covering some main aspects of it. First, it deals with the institutional structure of the EU. Second, it looks at the central policies of the EU, especially the rights to free movement for goods, services, workers, and Union citizens. Third, it will consider these developments in the light of the series of economic and political crises that have beset the EU in the last decades.

2. Course learning objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Acquire a basic knowledge of the history of the European integration and the political system of the European Union.
2. Understand, but also to critically assess the structures, methods and content of EU Law.
3. Comprehend the relations between the EU legal system and the national ones, with an special focus on the role of European Court of Justice.
4. Understand the legal nature of the EU, as well as the process followed by countries both to join and to leave the Union.



3. Contents / Programme

List of topics:

Topic 1: History of European Integration and Basic Concepts in EU Law

Topic 2: Brexit

Topic 3. Institutions and Law-Making

Topic 4: The nature and effect of EU Law

Topic 5: The Judicial System of the EU and the enforcement of EU Law

Topic 6: EU International Relations Law

Topic 7: Human Rights in the EU

Topic 8: Enforcement actions against the Member States

Topic 9: The single market

Topic 10: The European responses in times of crisis

Topic 11: Citizenship of the EU

Topic 12: The area of freedom, security and justice

Topic 13: Competition Law

4. Bibliography

Principal reference handbook:

CRAIG, Paul and DE BÚRCA, Gráinne: EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials. 7th ed., Oxford University Press, 2020.

Other reference works:

SALINAS DE FRÍAS, A. and Sanchez Frías, A. (Dirs.): Basic concepts of EU Law. Tirant lo Blanch. 2020.



5. Workload distribution

Activities	Hours
Classroom-based activities (Lectures, seminars and practical sessions)	30
Online practical activities	15
Guided activities	10
Independent study	20
Total	75

6. Assessment criteria

TOOLS	%	OBSERVATIONS
Ongoing assessment	80-100%	Class participation, practical exercises, case studies, online activities.
Final exam	0-20%	Multiple-choice test, short questions, problem-solving activity.