

Appendix No 1

Course unit descriptions



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Code
EU Law and Institutions	

Lecturer(s)	Department, Faculty
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Second	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
Face to face	1	English

Requisites	
Prerequisites: None	Co-requisites (if relevant): None

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
7	182	32	150

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
<p>The purpose of the course is to gain needed skills in order to self-dependently analyze and critically evaluate institutions of the European Union and their public policy.</p> <p>This course aims to develop a certain set of generic competences such as critical thinking, ability to work and study independently and in groups, the ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practice, ability to interpret relevant information and ideas, seek of initiative and high standards.</p> <p>In addition, subject specific competences that are being developed include the ability to understand key concepts of EU institutional and judiciary structure, main principals of EU internal market and free movement of workforce, the ability to analyze the causes of the decision making process of EU institutional and judiciary systems and interpret its influence in the context of EU and the rest of the world and EU and its member states.</p>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will be able to understand and explain the EU institutional and judiciary structure, its functions and main principals of operation.	Lecturing, problem solving, individual assignments, group discussions.	Assessment of the quality of work during seminars, exam.

Will be able to apply theoretical knowledge to various practical problems related to the latest EU studies and tendencies.	Lecturing, individual assignments.	Exam, presentation
Will be able to critically evaluate the operations of EU institutional system as well as the significance of EU law to the member states and their national markets.	Lecturing, individual assignments and its presentation during the seminars.	Assessment of the quality of work during seminars, presentation, exam.
Will be able to gather and critically evaluate academic literature on EU law and institutions, analyse its content and further expand one's knowledge of EU judiciary and institutional systems.	Individual assignments and its presentation during the seminars, interactive discussions, critical evaluation of other presentations.	Assessment of the quality of work during seminars, presentation.
Will be able to comprehensively present findings and analysis to colleagues or professors.	Interactive discussions.	Assessment of the quality of work during seminars, presentation.

Course content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Individual work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory work	Internship/work	Contact hours, Individual work	Seminars and assignments	
1. Introduction. Course subject, objectives and requirements of the further discussions. The main concept of the course			2				2		Class quiz: assumptions and knowledge gaps tested. Discussion on course goals, formats, and what students expect from EU law.
2. The creation of EU, legal characteristics, goals, values, main principals of operation, division of competences between EU and EU member states, principals of subsidiarity and proportionality.			2				2	8	Mapping competences with group timeline or chart. Application of subsidiarity/proportionality to real-life policy examples. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 6-26; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text,

									cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
3. Review of EU institutional system (1): European Council, European Parliament and Council of the European Union.			2				2	8	Simulation: debate on fictitious EU legislative proposal. Role cards: assigned student roles (President, MEP, Minister, etc.). Debrief: what do these institutions represent politically? Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 73-127; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions);
4. Review of EU institutional system (2): European Commission, European Court of Auditors, European Central Bank, committees, other institutions and bodies.			2				2	8	Student podcast or video summary: what does the Commission do? Mapping enforcement roles of non-legislative institutions. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to

									different year and editions); K. Lenaerts, European Union Law (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
5. Comprehension of EU law, its autonomy, supremacy, fragmentation and main characteristics. EU law and national law relations. Lawmaking acts, delegated and law implementation acts.			2				2	8	Case puzzle: reconstruct Van Gend, Costa, and Simmenthal rulings. Debate: is supremacy compatible with national constitutional identity? Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 41-53; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
6. EU lawmaking and law implementation procedures. Lawmaking acts implementation procedures and procedures of law act implementation in specific EU institutions.			2				2	8	Simulation of EU legislative procedure with props or a board game style. Students draft a short procedural map (flowchart) in groups. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions)/

7. EU law characteristics: direct application, direct effect, indirect effect, countries responsibility for violation of EU law. Control mechanism of the EU rule of law. Implementation of EU law.			2				2	8	Infringement and state liability via mini case studies. Discussion on practical barriers to compliance. Use of GenAI tool to draft infringement complaint. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 54-72; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
8. EU judiciary institutions (1). Structure of the Court of Justice of the European Union, jurisdiction, competences, main principals of operation. Court of Justice of the European Union and national court cooperation (Preliminary ruling).			2				2	8	Watching clip of CJEU hearing (or role-play one). Drafting preliminary question in pairs (as if you're a national judge) .Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions); P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions); R. Barents, The Court of Justice after the Treaty of Lisbon; J. Komarek,

									Federal Elements in the Community Judicial System: Building Coherence in the Community Legal Order; T. Tridimas, Knocking on Heaven's Door: Fragmentation, Efficiency and Defiance in the Preliminary Reference Procedure.
9. EU judiciary institutions (2). EU law enforcement in member states; judiciary control of legality of EU acts of law.			2				2	8	Assignment of real CJEU annulment cases to small groups. Comparison of legal standing rules and critique on their fairness. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions); L. Prete, The Coming of Age of Infringement Proceedings; K. Lenaerts, European Union Law (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions);
10. EU citizenship: concept and purpose. EU citizen rights and its implementation and protection. Prohibition of discrimination.			2				2	8	'EU in the news': rights-based story analysis. Group map: how Charter rights apply in chosen policy areas. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and

									TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 128-142; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions); A.Bogdandy, The EU Fundamental Rights Agency within the European and International Human rights Architecture: the Legal framework and some unsettled issues in a new field of administrative law.
11. Ensuring and protection of fundamental rights in EU. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.			2				2	8	Case tree: free movement of goods and services. Roleplay: how would a startup face national barriers? Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 143-162.
12. Fundamental freedoms of the internal market (1). Enforcement of free movement of goods (customs and equivalent effect charges, prohibition of quantitative restrictions and equivalent effect measures. Principle of mutual recognition and challenges of applying it in member states, application of derogations), enforcement of free movement of services (concept of services, persons exercising the right of providing services, prohibition of restrictions and derogations as listed in TFEU. Directives on services in the internal market 2006/123 analysis).			2				2	8	Persona game: apply directives to fictional students, workers, and businesses. Mock advising task: help a client navigate EU mobility rules. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and

									TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; A.Rosas, EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction, p. 179-196; Ch. Tobler, Essential EU Law in Charts; P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
13. Fundamental freedoms of the internal market (2). Freedom of establishment in EU (concept of establishment and its isolation from providing of services and free movement of workforce, content of establishment law, persons exercising this right, prohibition of restrictions and derogations as listed in TFEU. Directives on services in the internal market 2006/123 analysis), abolition of obstacles to the free movement of capital and freedom of movement for persons (content and conditions of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, Directive 2004/38 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States analysis), free movement of workforce and third party citizen movement review.			2				2	8	Revision. Readings and analysis of the texts, preparation of the presentation, relevant provisions of the TEU and TFEU, relevant CJEU practice; C.Barnard, P. Craig, G. de Burca, EU Law. text, cases, and materials (relevant pages may differ due to different year and editions).
Exam								27	Revision of compendium
Presentation		6					6	27	Independent reading and analysis
Total		6	2 6				32	15 0	

Assessment strategy	Weight %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Performance during seminars	40 %	During semester	<p>During the semester students will have to independently analyse at least two seminar topics and its key problems using the given (recommended) or independently found academic literature. Using this analysis, students then will have to prepare a presentation/podcast in a form of a discussion with a stress on the main aspects and problematic of their chosen topic. Evaluation of these aspects will add up to the final evaluation of performance during seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of the presentation (20%) <input type="checkbox"/> Active participation in discussions (10%)

			<input type="checkbox"/> Level of preparation: knowledge and ability to refer to assigned academic literature and task completion in a timely manner. Quality of comments, insights and relevant remarks. (10%)
Exam	60 %	During session	<p>The final exam will consist of 20 equally valued test questions (20%) and the ability to choose 2 out of 3 open questions (40%).</p> <p>These aspects will have equal value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary; <input type="checkbox"/> Qualitative, reasonable argumentation and the ability to refer to relevant acts of law; <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to refer to academic literature introduced throughout the course; <input type="checkbox"/> Critical analytical thinking.

Author	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication; pages	Publishing house or internet site
Required reading				
A.Rosas, L.Armati	2010	EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction		Oxford and Portland, Oregon
Paul Craig, Grainne de Burca	2011	EU Law. text, cases, and materials		Oxford University Press, Oxford
Koen Lenaerts, Piet Van Nuffel, Robert Bray, Nathan Cambien	2011	European Union Law		Sweet & Maxwell, London
Koen Lenaerts	2012	Procedural Law of the European Union		Sweet & Maxwell
D.Chalmers, G. Davies, G. Monti, A. Tomkins	2010	European Union Law		Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
Tobler, Christa; Beglinger, Jacques	2010	Essential EU Law in Charts, / 2nd updated and revised "Lisbon" edition		Hvgorac, Budapest
Recommended reading				
Sacha Prechal	2006	Member State Liability and Direct Effect: What's the Difference After All?	European Business Law Review, 3	Kluwer International Law
Rene Barents	2010	The Court of Justice after the Treaty of Lisbon	CMLR, 47	Kluwer International Law
Jan Komarek	2005	Federal Elements in the Community Judicial System: Building Coherence in the Community Legal Order	CMLR, 42	Kluwer International Law
Luca Prete, Ben Smulders	2010	The Coming of Age of Infringement Proceedings	CMLR, 47	Kluwer International Law

Takis Tridimas	2003	Knocking on Heaven's Door: Fragmentation, Efficiency and Defiance in the Preliminary Reference Procedure	CMLR, 40	Kluwer International Law
Christopher Vajda	2006	Liability for Breach of Community law: A Survey of Cases Post Factotame	European Business Law Review, 3	Kluwer International Law
	2009	European elections - is the European Parliament important today?	CMLR, 3	Kluwer International Law
	2010	The post-Lisbon institutional package: Do old habits die hard?	CMLR, 3	Kluwer International Law
A.Bogdandy, J.von Bernstorff	2009	The EU Fundamental Rights Agency within the European and International Human rights Architecture: the Legal framework and some unsettled issues in a new field of administrative law	CMLR, 4	Kluwer International Law