



DEGREE IN LAW

Course	European Law	Union	Code	
			Version	
Module	-		Subject	Law
Credits	6 ECTS		In-person	
			Not in-person	
Year	First		Semester	Second

TEACHERS, GROUPS AND TIMETABLE

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EXAMS

Call	Date	Group	Lecture room
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SYNOPSIS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The course intends to familiarize the student with the legal, regulatory and institutional categories of the European Union system, main phenomenon of regional integration up to date.

RECOMMENDED PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGES

To take the course on EU Law it is recommended to have obtained the necessary knowledge in Theory of Law, Constitutional Law (I and II) and Introduction to Economy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Know the historic context in which the European Union was born, as well as the fundamental milestones of its evolution until the Lisbon Treaty, identify the elements that characterize the juridical nature of the European Union and study its institutional system (composition, functioning and functions of each institution)
- Identify the principles that govern the division of competences between Member States and the EU, as well as the types of competences of the Union, and the principles that articulate the horizontal distribution of the decision-making power (in particular, the role of the different institutions in the legislative process) and understand the classification of the system of acts of the Union regarding the procedure for their adoption (legislative and non legislative acts) and their functionality (normative acts and implementing acts)
- Recognise the sources of European Union Law, either of primary or secondary legislation, and analyse the principles that governs the interaction of EU Law with national legal orders (in particular, the direct effect, the precedence/primacy principle, liability of Member States for infringements of Union Law, and the principle of legal certainty)
- Analyse the jurisdictional system of the EU, and the different control mechanisms of the European Institutions and Member States, and understand the role that the preliminary ruling has as instrument for the dialogue between the European judge and the national judge.
- Know the evolution of the European Union system of protection of fundamental rights and the relations between the Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as the position of national Constitutional Courts regarding fundamental rights.

COMPETENCES

Degree's transversal competences: TC1, TC2, TC3, TC4, TC5, TC6, TC7, TC8, TC9, TC10

Degree's generic competences: GC1, GC2, GC3, GC4, GC5, GC6, GC7, GC8, GC9, GC10, GC11, GC12

**Degree's specific competences: SC15, SC16****Specific competences of the course:**

SC1: To know the history of the European integration process, the juridical nature of the Union, and the composition, functioning and competences of its Institutions.

SC2: To know and understand the vertical and horizontal distribution of decision power.

SC3: Know and understand the sources of European Union Law and the principles that govern its efficacy in national legal orders.

SC4: Study the jurisdictional system of the Union

SC5: Know the construction and efficacy of the European fundamental rights, and their relation with the ECHR and the fundamental rights guaranteed by national Constitutions.

SC6: Apply the knowledge regarding the constitutional structure of the EU to the dynamic reality of some of the sectorial policies (as a study case) and be able to analyse, from a juridical perspective, the major current issues on EU Law.

THEMATIC CONTENTS (Syllabus of the course)

- Origins, evolution and juridical nature of European Integration
- Institutions of the EU
- Distribution of decision power between the EU Institutions, and between the EU and Member States.
- Sources of EU Law.
- Judicial control over EU Institutions and Member States.
- Principles that govern the relation between EU Law and national legal order.
- The limits of the European public power before citizens: the protection of fundamental rights in the EU.
- Constitutional specialties in the area of Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Theory classes	Dedication	Around 60%
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Degree's transversal competences: TC1, TC2, TC7
 Degree's generic competences: GC1, GC2, GC3, GC4
 Degree's specific competences: SC5

Practice classes	Dedication	Around 40%
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(e.g.: solution of case studies and/or use of additional materials and/or



<p>seminars and/or individual or group works and/or analysis of judgements and juridical texts)</p> <p>Degree's transversal competences: TC3, TC4, TC5, TC6, TC7, TC10 Degree's generic competences: GC2, GC4, GC5 Degree's specific competences: SC6</p>		
Other activities	Dedication	Around 5% to 10%
<p>Programmed tutoring</p> <p>Degree's transversal competences: TC1, TC2, TC3, TC4, TC5, TC6, TC7, TC10 Degree's generic competences: GC1, GC2, GC3, GC4, GC5 Degree's specific competences: SC5, SC6</p>		
EVALUATION		
Exams	% in the final mark	No less than 60%
<p>The student will make one or several oral or written tests, in which they shall prove a sufficient proficiency of the course syllabus, using the positive law as well as the relevant judicial doctrine in the EU context, as well as the contributions of the scholars in this area.</p>		
Practices and other activities	% in the final mark	No more than 40%
<p>These activities has a maximum value of 30% for the realisation of practices or the use of additional materials and of 10% for the realisation of other intra or extra departmental activities (up to a 5% for individual or group works and up to a 5% for the attendance and participation in seminars). If the professor decides not to carry out seminars or not to require works or the use of additional materials, these percentages can be added to the ones of the partial and/or final exams. In any case, it is recognised the professor's freedom to determine the systems that considers most appropriate to evaluate these activities (on-going evaluation or not, written works or study case, or their oral defence, their realisation in the classroom or outside it in the time of free disposition of the student, etc.)</p>		
EVALUATION CRITERIA		
<p>In the ordinary call, the percentage assigned to the exam and the practices will be determined by the professor in accordance with the criteria indicated in the previous sections.</p> <p>The students that do not pass the course in the semester in which is imparted will have an extraordinary call to pass it. Their mark, in the</p>		



case the professor has established an on-going evaluation, will comply with the following rules: a) If the student has followed the on-going evaluation, the exam will have the same percentage value as in the ordinary call, and the activities carried out during the on-going evaluation and the mark obtained in the final exam will be taken into account in the final mark; b) If the student did not carry out the activities of the on-going evaluation, he/she will have the right to realise an exam in the extraordinary call with the same percentage in the final mark as in the ordinary call.

In no case, the mark obtained in the activities of the on-going evaluation will be saved for the following years.

The grade system will be numerical, following the provisions of the Royal Decree 1125/2003 and, therefore, applying the following scale: from 0 to 4.9 failing grade; from 5 to 6.9 pass; from 7 to 8.9 B grade; from 9 to 10 A grade. The “excellent grade” could be awarded to the student that have obtained an A grade.

SCHEDULE

RESOURCES

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Kaczorowska, Alina, *European Union Law*, Routledge-Cavendish.
- Horspool, Margot, *European Union Law*, Oxford University Press.
- Chalmers, Damian (et. al.), *European Union Law: texts, cases and materials*, Cambridge University Press.

BIBLIOGRAFÍA COMPLEMENTARIA

OTHER RESOURCES

- Virtual campus
- Databases:
 - EUR-Lex: Access to EU Law: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>
 - Curia: access to case-law of the Court of Justice: <http://curia.europa.eu/juris/recherche.jsf?language=en>
- Websites:
 - European Union: www.europa.eu