



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-375	<b>Course Title</b> EU Competition Law	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Prerequisites</b> None	<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b> Core	<b>Field</b> International & European law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Lecturer</b> Phaedon Nicolaides	<b>Year of Study</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face to face	<b>Work Placement</b> -	<b>Co-requisites</b> -

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

1. Present and interpret the rules of competition of the European Union [EU] and in particular the prohibition of cartels, abuse of dominant market position, mergers that inhibit effective competition, providers of services of general economic interest and state aid.
2. Explain the process of enforcement of competition rules.
3. Analyse important decisions of the European Commission and landmark judgments of the Court of Justice of the EU.

### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the rules of competition of the EU and their objectives in the overall context of the single European market.
2. Describe the institutions responsible for enforcement, division of tasks between different authorities, the nature of cooperation within the European competition network and the process of enforcement of competition rules.
3. Explain how the European Commission and EU Court of Justice interpret and enforce competition law, especially in the context of the transition to a greener and more digital economy.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking of the effectiveness and possible shortcomings of competition law.

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction to the role of competition rules in the functioning of the single European market.
2. Prohibition of restrictive agreements between undertakings.
3. Conditions of exemption of cooperation between undertakings.
4. Prohibition of abuse of dominant market position.
5. Control of anti-competitive mergers between undertakings.
6. Enforcement of competition rules and the European competition network.
7. The treatment of undertakings with special or exclusive rights and of providers of services of general economic interest.
8. Prohibition of public subsidies [state aid].
9. Conditions for exemption of public subsidies in view of the EU's support for digital and environmentally friendly [green] technologies.

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, exercises & case analysis.

**Assessment Methods:**

Assignments & final exam.

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<i>EU Competition Law</i>	Brenda Sufrin, Niamh Dunne, & Alison Jones	Oxford University Press, 8 <sup>th</sup> edition	2023	9780192855015 paperback

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<i>Competition Law</i>	Richard Whish & David Bailey	Oxford University Press, 10 <sup>th</sup> edition	2021	9780198836322 ebook 9780192607133