



<b>Course Code</b> IREL-618	<b>Course Title</b> European Union Law	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 7.5
<b>Department</b> European Studies and International Relations	<b>Semester</b> Fall	<b>Prerequisites</b> IREL-570
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> International Relations	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Achilles Emilianides
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

1. Develop into students the theory and practice of European Union Law.
2. Advance student knowledge on the function of the European Institutions, the legislation and policy-making of the European Union, instruments and competence.
3. Discuss in depth the nature and effect of EU law, the relationship between national law and EU law, the application of EU law, remedies, direct effect and supremacy.
4. Introduce the student to the means of review of legality before the European Court of Justice, including preliminary references and to the substantial freedoms and guiding principles of EU law.

### Learning Outcomes:

(Program Learning Outcomes)

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

1. Illustrate a comprehension of the history, nature and scope of European Union law and appreciate how the current system was formulated.
2. Appraise the competences and function of the European Institutions, their competences and their importance for European Union law.
3. Assess the rules and principles governing the legislation and policy making of the European Union.
4. Evaluate the nature and effect of EU law, the relationship between national law and EU law and the issue of supremacy and direct effect.
5. Demonstrate how remedies before national courts operate and how enforcement actions may be brought up against Member States.
6. Evaluate the rules governing preliminary references and review of legality before the European Court of Justice.
7. Demonstrate comprehension of the principles of European international relations and the Area of freedom, security and justice.
8. Discuss the substantial principles of the European Union, including freedoms of persons, services, goods and establishment, non-discrimination and competition.

**Course Contents:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of European Integration</li> <li>2. The Institutions (Council, Commission, Parliament, Court) and their competences</li> <li>3. Legislation and policy-making</li> <li>4. European international relations and the Area of freedom security and justice</li> <li>5. The nature and effect of EU law</li> <li>6. The relationship between EU law and national law and the issue of supremacy</li> <li>7. Remedies before national courts, enforcement actions before Member States</li> <li>8. Review of legality, preliminary rulings, damage actions</li> <li>9. Substantial principles (free movement of goods, persons, services, establishment, equal treatment, non-discrimination, competition)</li> </ol> |
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**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive Lectures, presentations and assignments
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**Assessment Methods:**

Presentations, assignments, Final Examination
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**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Craig and De Burga	<i>EU Law: Text Cases and Materials</i>	Oxford 4 <sup>th</sup>	2008

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Barnard	The Substantive Law of the EU: The Four Freedoms	Oxford, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007
Berry and Hargreaves	European Union Law	Oxford, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2007
Horspool and Humphreys	European Union Law	Oxford, 5 <sup>th</sup>	2008
Davies	Understanding European Union Law	Routledge, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2007
Hartley	The Foundations of the European Union Law	Oxford, 7 <sup>th</sup>	2010