



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
LAW-201	European Union Law I	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
Two from LAW-100, LAW-122/6, LAW-132 and LAW-142/6	Law	Fall
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core	Law	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr. Dimitrios Koukiadis	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face to face	-	-

Course Objectives:

This course will deal with the constitutional formation and development of the European Union. It will cover the constitutional/institutional transformation of the EU, from its initial form in 1952 till the post- Lisbon developments. The EU constitutional evolution, its institutions, the legislation process, the general principles and the core doctrines of EU law, the relationship between EU law and the national law, the four freedoms established by EU law will also be examined throughout the courses EU Law I +II. The two courses will conclude with the analysis of some fundamental specialised areas of EU law, such as competition law, environmental law, and protection of personal data.

Students should be able to:

- > Comprehend the legal and political background of the whole “European” experiment since its origins and till the post-Lisbon treaty era.
- > Demonstrate a good knowledge of the key, special features of the EU legal order, i.e. supranationality, community method, intergovernmentalism, direct effect, principle of proportionality, etc.
- > Describe the institutional structure of the EU (including the previous ‘three pillars’) and its evolution (including as a legal person).
- > Consider the increasing importance and interaction between EU law and international law

in the EU courts.

- > Describe the composition, functions and powers of the institutions of the EU; Outline the main legislative processes and analyse the relative degree of power which they give to each of the institutions.
- > Articulate the impact of EU membership on national sovereignty and explain the principles of supremacy, subsidiarity and of conferral of powers;
- > Describe the various sources of EU law and discuss their effect and relative importance; understand the general fundamental principles of law as far as they apply in the EU, including fundamental rights under the ECHR and the European Charter of the Protection of Fundamental Rights.
- > Explain and analyse the concepts of direct applicability, direct effect, state liability, and apply them as far as the rights of individuals to rely on a provision of EU law in their national courts are concerned; discuss the review of legality of acts of the institutions; Discuss the importance of preliminary references for questions of validity and interpretation and examine how it is triggered;
- > Discuss the rules which apply to the grant of remedies for breach of EU law by Member States and the EU's liability in contract and tort.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Have a good grasp of post-Lisbon developments, of the Eurozone problems, and of the problems surrounding the Schengen agreement and the Dublin Convention.
2. Evaluate the European Court case law in the field of four freedoms, with increased consideration given to the proportionality principle in the area of the free movement of goods.
3. Explain the principle features of the legal system including general familiarity with its institutions and procedures.
4. Develop some in-depth knowledge in special areas such as competition-, environmental-, data protection law.
5. Critically assess the EU institutional legal structure
6. Identify and apply primary legal sources.
7. Identify societal concerns and values behind legal principles and rules.
8. Make a distinction between reasoning founded on law and policy-based arguments.
9. Present knowledge with a range of professional presentation skills (oral and written).

10. Write fluent and technically sophisticated prose, using legal terminology accurately.
11. Create new or imaginative solutions through approaching a problem by using legal materials in different ways.
12. Focus on the need for a multidisciplinary view of legal problems.
13. To conduct academic legal research.
14. To use relevant IT-tools, standard information retrieval systems, web-resources, and ability to specify technological tools needed for personal support.

Course Content:

During the two semesters, the students will study the following topics:

1. The constitutional order of the EU, and its historical/political/legal/institutional development: the origins of the European Union, and the evolution of the EU up to the post-Lisbon treaty era.
2. The institutions of the EU.
3. The relationship between EU Law and National Law.
4. The general principles and the core doctrines of EU law.
5. The EU legal system and the EU legislation process and policy-making: Sources of EU law; Legislative procedures; amendments made by the Nice Treaty/Lisbon Treaty.
6. The nature of EU Law: direct applicability and direct effect.
7. Some pre-eminent European Court's decisions such as the Van Gend en Loos, Frankovich, Khadi, Google, Facebook cases, and their effect on EU legal order.
8. The relationship between EU law and international/transnational law.
9. Preliminary references and the building of a European judicial system.
10. The four freedoms established by EU law.
11. Competition- and Environmental law specialized issues.
12. The new General Data Protection Regulation.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, written examinations, weekly assignments

Assessment Methods:

Mid-term Examination, Class Participation, Final Examination

Online material/web sources and readings for EU law:

- Sources And Scope Of European Union Law, available at <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf>
- The Treaty of Lisbon, available at https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf/en/FTU_1.1.5.pdf
- EU international agreements, available at https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf/en/FTU_5.2.1.pdf
- EU foundational Treaties, available at https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf/en/FTU_1.1.1.pdf
- The ABC of EU law, available at <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication>
- Case law concerning the EU law, available at <https://www.echr.coe.int/documents>
- Constitutional and Institutional EU law, available at <https://london.ac.uk/sites/default/files/study-guides>

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>EU law: Text, Cases and Materials (6th ed.)</i>	<i>Craig P., De Burca G. (eds)</i>	<i>OUP (7th edn.)</i>	2020	
<i>Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation 2017/2018</i>	<i>Foster N.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	2017	
<i>European Union Law (2nd ed.)</i>	<i>Barnard C., Peers S.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	2017	
<i>European Union Law (3rd ed.)</i>	<i>Lenaerts K., Nuffel P. van, Bray R., Cambien N.</i>	<i>Sweet & Maxwell</i>	2011	

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Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>European Union Law: Text and Materials (3rd ed.)</i>	<i>Chalmers D., Davies G., Monti G.</i>	<i>Cambridge University Press</i>	<i>2014</i>	
<i>European Union Law (10th ed.)</i>	<i>Horspool M., Humphreys M., Wells-Greco M.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	<i>2018</i>	
<i>EU Law Directions (6th ed.)</i>	<i>Foster N.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	<i>2018</i>	
<i>Complete EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials (3rd ed.)</i>	<i>Berry E., Homewood J. M., Bogusz B.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	<i>2017</i>	
<i>The Foundations of European Union Law (8th ed.)</i>	<i>Hartley T.</i>	<i>OUP</i>	<i>2014</i>	