



Course Syllabus

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

Course Objectives:

This course will consider the background to the formation and development of the European Union. Union institutions, legislation, the relationship between EU law and the national law of the member states will also be examined. The semester will conclude with emphasis on the judicial process, grounds for review and remedies. The successive waves of EU enlargement and of amendments of the Founding Treaties up to the Treaty of Lisbon will also be emphasised.

Students should be able to:

- Explain the economic and social principles underlying the formation, the development and policies of the EU and describe the changes which have taken place in the ambitions of the EU; Understand all the amending Treaties including the Lisbon Treaty; Describe the enlargement process to date;
- Describe the structure of the EU (including the previous ‘three pillars’) and its evolution (including as a legal person);
- 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;
- Understand 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.
- Understand and analyse the concepts of direct applicability and direct effect 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.

Comprehend the rules and principles underlying a new legal order.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of principle features of the legal system including general familiarity with its institutions and procedures.
2. Demonstrate some in-depth knowledge of specialist areas.
3. Demonstrate critical awareness in the analysis of the legal order.
4. Ability to identify and apply primary legal sources.
5. Ability to identify societal concerns and values behind legal principles and rules.
6. Ability to identify debates and engage with these while accurately reporting the applicable law.
7. Ability to make a distinction between reasoning founded on law and policy-based arguments.
8. Ability to identify and work with principal aspects of a foreign legal system.
9. Ability to act independently in planning and undertaking complex legal tasks.
10. Ability to identify and comprehend legal issues.
11. Ability to present knowledge with a range of professional presentation skills (oral and written).
12. Ability to write fluent and technically sophisticated prose, using legal terminology accurately.
13. Ability to create new or imaginative solutions through approaching a problem by using legal materials in different ways.

14. Ability to be aware of the need for a multidisciplinary view of legal problems.
15. Ability to conduct academic legal research.
16. Ability to use relevant IT-tools, ie. word-processing, standard information retrieval systems, web-resources, and ability to specify technological tools needed for personal support.
17. Ability to reflect on own learning.
18. Ability to seek and make use of feedback.
19. Ability to use a foreign legal language.

Course Content:

During the semester, the students will study the following topics:

1. The development of European integration

Origins of the European Union; evolution of the EU up to today with the Lisbon Treaty; the amending Treaties; the Pillar structure; debate and focus on the role of small nations like Cyprus

2. The institutions of the EU

3. The relationship between EU Law and National Law

Supremacy and sovereignty: political and legal problems; role of the Court of Justice of the EU;

EU powers: conferral of powers, principle of subsidiarity; Constitutional law issues in Cyprus and other member states

4. EU legislation and policy-making: Sources of EU law; Legislative procedures; amendments made by the Nice Treaty/Lisbon Treaty

5. The nature of EU Law: direct applicability and direct effect

6. The application of EU law: Member State liability

Francovich liability; Factortame III liability; remedies in national courts.

7. Preliminary references and the building of a European judicial system

Discretionary/mandatory references: Court of Justice's guidelines; case law of UK courts; case law of Cypriot courts; misuse of Article 267 TFEU (old Article 234 EC); issues of validity.

8. Challenging Union Acts: review of legality

Article 263 TFEU (old Article 230 EC); Article 265 TFEU (old Article 232 EC); Article 277 TFEU (old Article 241 EC); Grounds for review; Consequences of illegality and invalidity, use of

general principles of law

9. The liability of the EU: damages actions and money claims; Article 340 TFEU (old Article 288 EC)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, written examinations

Assessment Methods:

Mid-term Examination, Oral Presentation and Final Examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Authors	Publisher	Year
<i>EU law: Text, Cases and Materials (6th ed.)</i>	Craig P and De Burca G (eds)	OUP	2015
<i>Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation 2017-2018</i>	Foster N	OUP	2017
<i>European Union Law (2nd ed.)</i>	Barnard C and Peers S	OUP	2017

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

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

<i>Materials (3rd ed.)</i>	Bogusz B.		
<i>The Foundations of European Union Law (8th ed.)</i>	Hartley T.	OUP	2014