



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-333	Course Title European Criminal Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites N/A	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Criminal Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st cycle	Lecturer Dr Vagia Polyzoidou	Year of Study N/A
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites N/A

Course Objectives:

The main objective of the course is to familiarise the students with the fundamental concepts of European Criminal Law, including the doctrinal and constitutional foundations of the discipline within the legal order of the EU. Taking as a Starting point the constitutional and human rights underpinnings of the discipline, the present court will concisely describe, analyse, and assess the basic substantive and procedural structures of EU's normative engagement with the general concept of transnational and comparative criminal law.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Describe the basic phases marking the development of European Criminal Law.
2. Possess thorough knowledge of both the differences and the similarities between European, national, and transnational/international criminal law.
3. Analyse and theorise the institutional and constitutional framework for the functioning of EU Criminal Law and Justice system.
4. Demonstrate full knowledge of substantive and procedural aspects of the respective EU legal framework.
5. Pinpoint on the function of the mechanisms and institutions established under the legislation of the EU through institutional or cooperative action.
6. Debate on the human rights and criminal policy principles underlying the formation and application of European Criminal Law.
7. Explain the basic functions and mandates of the specialised institutions entrusted with the

- application, interpretation, and/or enforcement of the substantive provisions.
8. Demonstrate full effective knowledge of the procedural aspects (both centralised and de-centralised) of the EU criminal legal structure.
 9. Assess and appraise the existing cooperation mechanisms, including their systemic, functional, and substantive aspects.
 10. Analyse practical situations and address real-life problems of criminal law through the correct application of the relevant legal sources.
 11. Demonstrate professional presentation skills, and the ability to address complex issues before both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Course Content:

1. The Constitutional Framework: The Evolution of EU Criminal Law until the Treaty of Lisbon.
2. The Foundations of European Criminal Law: The Primary EU Law Sources
3. European Criminal Law Specifics: Child Pornography, Human-Trafficking, Racism and Xenophobia
4. The EU Criminal Law and Policy on Drugs, and other Illicit Narcotics
5. The EU Legal Framework to Prevent, Combat, and Suppress Acts of Terrorism
6. Midterm Exams
7. EU Criminal Procedure: Introductory Notions
8. The 'Roadmap' (2009) Directives and the Rights of the Accused/Suspect
9. The European Arrest Warrant: Framework and Content
10. The European Arrest Warrant: Enforcement and Cooperation
11. The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)
12. Seminary

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, class discussion, group exercises, case studies, quizzes and discussion fora, presentations.

Assessment Methods:

Presentations, class assignments, midterm, and final exam.

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>European Criminal Law</i>	Valsamis Mitsilegas	Hart Publishing	2022	9781509904167

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Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>European Criminal Law (4th edn.)</i>	André Klip	Intersentia	2021	9781780689685
<i>European Criminal Law</i>	Kai Ambos	Cambridge University Press	2018	9781316348628
<i>Research Handbook on EU Criminal Law</i>	Valsamis Mitsilegas, Maria Bergström & Theodore Konstadinides (eds.)	Elgar	2016	9781783473304
<i>Legitimizing European Criminal Law: Justification and Restrictions</i>	Merita Kettunen	Springer International Publishing Switzerland & G. Giappichelli Editore	2020	9783030161736
<i>The European Public Prosecutor's Office: The Challenges Ahead</i>	Lorena Bachmaier Winter (ed.)	Springer	2018	9783319939155

<i>The Procedural Criminal Law Cooperation of the EU</i>	Peter Asp	Stiftelsen Skrifter utgivna av Juridiska fakulteten vid Stockholms universitet	2016	9789185985081
<i>The Substantive Criminal Law Competence of the EU</i>	Peter Asp	Stiftelsen Skrifter utgivna av Juridiska fakulteten vid Stockholms universitet	2012	9185985031