



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-375	<b>Course Title</b> EU Competition Law	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Prerequisites</b> LAW-202	<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Spring
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Year of Study</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face to face	<b>Work Placement</b> -	<b>Corequisites</b> -

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

The establishment of rules that ensure a “healthy”, free, effective competition among all the “players of the market” (i.e. businesses) is one of the most important priorities in the EU’s (open) internal market. This aims to secure equal rules for all companies and at the same time lower prices in products/services, as well as constant improvement of quality. Competition Law aims, in other words, in promoting an effective, workable competition in the market, with exemption in some economic sectors where some restrictions might deem necessary for common interest or European or national policy reasons.

The scope of the EU Competition Law course is to provide the students with a theoretical and practical knowledge of this specific legal area of the EU law, combined with encouragement of the critical approach of the effectiveness of the European Commission to prevent anti- competitive behaviour within the markets (e.g. Cartels, Abuse of Dominant Position in the market, State Aids). Within the course frame there is a special reference in the relevant cases of the Court of the EU, so that the students can identify and evaluate, among others, especially complex aspects of competition law.

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Develop a correct and methodical way of approaching Competition Law, which combine harmonically the three aspects “Identify – Analyse – Apply” Competition Law.
2. Develop a correctly structured research orientation with regard to research and critical evaluation of case studies, legislation and bibliography.
3. Work not only individually but also in group level and express and especially argue within a constructive (academic) dialogue frame.
4. Develop all the necessary skills in order to present correctly structured legal arguments, and at the same time refer in relevant case studies and theoretical approaches.
5. Develop all the necessary skills in order to locate and evaluate the developments in legislation and case studies relevant to different aspects of competition law and are in position to form suggestions for the more effective implementation of competition law basic principles.

They will get practiced in providing direct, specialised and sufficiently documented legal opinions in series of Competition Law matters.

**Course Content:**

During the courses lectures, students will cover the following matter:

1. Competition as strategic aim of EU (meaning and benefits from free competition)
2. Anti-trust rules – Illegal Agreements between businesses.
3. Anti-trust rules – Abuse of Dominant Position in market.
4. Procedural Regulation 1/2003 and EU Competition Law Modernization.
5. Prohibition and Exemptions in State Aid provision.

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures and written examinations

**Assessment Methods:**

Mid-term examination, Oral Presentation and Final examination

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
EU Competition Law: Text, Cases & Materials	Jones & Sufrin	Oxford University Press	2014
Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation 2017-2018	Foster N	OUP	2017

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
Competition Law	Whish & Bailey	Oxford University Press	2012
EC Competition Law	Monti	Cambridge University Press	2007
The Enforcement of Competition Law in Europe	Mollers & Heinemann	Cambridge University Press	2007