



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b> MLAW-513DE	<b>Course Title</b> Competition Law	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 10
<b>Prerequisites</b> None	<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> European Business Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level Of Course</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Prof. Faedon Nikolaidis	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Distance Learning	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### Course Objectives:

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” the 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 law over the multiple aspects of Competition Law and be in position to form suggestions for improvement of consumer’s protection.

**Course Contents:**

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

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

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Personal guidance, Case-study analysis, Video-streamed courses, Forum, Final exam

**Assessment Methods:**

Interim individual studies, Formative assessment activities, Final exam

**Textbooks – Bibliography:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<i>EU Competition Law – An Analytical Guide to the leading cases</i>	Ariel Erzachi	Hart Publishing	2018	
<i>New developments in competition law and economics</i>	Klaus Mathis – Avishalom Tor	Springer	2019	
<i>EU Competition Law</i>	B. Sufrin – A. Jones	Oxford University Press	2014	
<i>Competition Law</i>	R. Whish – D. Bailey	Oxford University Press	2012	
<i>Competition Law [in Greek]</i>	L. Kotsiris	Sakkoulas	2011	
<i>Free Competition Law [in Greek]</i>	P. Agesilaou – D. Kalli – K. Kleanthous	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2011	
<i>Introduction to the EU Competition Law [in Greek]</i>	G. Avgerinos	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2011	
<i>Cartels under Competition Law [in Greek]</i>	N. Zevgolis	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2008	
<i>EC Competition Law</i>	G. Monti	Cambridge University Press	2007	
<i>The Enforcement of Competition Law in Europe</i>	T.M.J. Mollers – A. Heinemann	Cambridge University Press	2007	