



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	Code
INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN UNION COMPETITION LAW	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s)
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Second	Optional

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language (s) of instruction
Face-to-face	2 nd semester (spring)	English

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: Knowledge of international public law, civil law, administrative law	Co-requisites (where they are): -

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
6	160	36	124

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
The course unit aims at providing the profound knowledge on the sources of international and EU competitions law, revealing the content of the legal principles of international and EU competition, specific institutions of law, the practice of interpreting and analysing legal provisions; developing the abilities to identify and assess the forms of cooperation of competition supervision authorities at the European Union and international level, to systemically analyse the trends of making competition law uniform. It also aims at the development of abilities to understand and critically interpret EU and international legal norms, apply them in practical situations, and analyse case-law and extra-judicial practice; as well as the development of interpersonal and communication skills.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
- Students will to define the sources of international and EU competition law, as well as the content, meaning and purpose of legal acts regulating legal relationship in competition.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual) research work and its's presentation
- Students will able to individually analyse, critically interpret and appropriately apply legal acts of the European Union, international governmental and non-governmental organisation, regulating legal relationship in competition, as well as to integrate knowledge of interrelated fields while providing legal services (inter alia, legal advice and recommendations, representation of legal interest).	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual) research work and its's presentation
- Students will be able to systematically analyse and evaluate case-law and extra-judicial practice in an ethical manner it in support of their legal decisions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual) research work and its's presentation
- Students will be able to apply knowledge in an innovative and integral manner, using the latest trends in the doctrine of international and EU competition law and case-law while independently solving complex legal problems and modelling strategies for appropriate solutions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual) research work and its's presentation
- Students will be able to convey ideas and thoughts in an argumentative, critical and logical manner in both, verbal and written form, basing on their theoretical as well as practical	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual)

knowledge acquired during the analysis of case-law and extra-judicial practice;		research work and its's presentation
- Students will be able to actively participate and efficiently collaborate in team as well as to ensure group members integration by applying ethical values and moral sensibility in respect to cultural and social diversity.	Seminars, individual work	Group research work and its' presentation
- Students will be able to enhance acquired knowledge and abilities independently, inter alia, to use legal information data bases and other sources, to select relevant theoretical and practical material, and to substantiate their own conclusions by the achievements of jurisprudence.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam in written (open and closed questions); group (individual) research work and its's presentation

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study: hours and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Practical sessions	Laboratory activities	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. General Provisions of Competition Law	2		–				2	6	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts
2. Sources of International and EU Competition Law and Their Significance for the National Systems of Competition Law	2		2				4	18	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; Writing of research work and preparation for delivery of presentation
3. Making Competition Law Uniform at the European Union and International Level	2		1				3	16	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; writing of research work and preparation for delivery of presentation
4. Multilateral Actions of Undertakings – Prohibited Agreements	4		3				7	12	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; analysis of case-law and of extra-judicial practice
5. Unilateral Behaviour of Undertakings – Abuse of a Dominant Position	4		3				7	12	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; analysis of case-law and of extra-judicial practice
6. Control of Concentrations between Undertakings	4		3				7	12	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; analysis of case-law and of extra-judicial practice
7. Public and Private Implementation of Competition Law in the European Union	4		–				4	8	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; analysis of case-law and of extra-judicial practice
8. Cooperation of Competition Supervision Authorities at the European Union and International Level	2		–				2	6	Relevant law doctrines, analysis of legal acts; analysis of case-law
								34	Preparation for examination
Total	24		12				36	124	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Group (individual) research work	30	During semester	Group (individual) work, relating to the analysis of specific national systems of competition law of foreign states (implementation of European Union competition law, implementation of principles of international competition law, comparison with systems of competition law of other states), as well as presentation of the work. Assessment consists of:

			- work content (comprehensive problem analysis, proper source application, critical analytical thinking, conclusion/recommendation formulation); - work structure and style (clear structural parts, scientific language style, exact wording, source references, proper and ethical citation use); - work presentation (concentrated work presentation, adhesive scientific language, the use of informative visual aids); - efficient and active participation in discussion, answering to questions.
Examination	70	At the end of the course	Open and closed tasks (questions) are given to students, the completion of which should reflect student's advanced knowledge in the problematics of international and EU competition law, conceptual understanding and assessment based on such knowledge, as well as newly acquired competences. When answering to open questions, students should provide all the necessary information in an argumentative, coherent and clear manner.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of periodical or volume of publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
RICHARD WHISH, DAVID BAILEY	2015	Competition Law	8 th ed.	Oxford, Oxford University Press
SIMON BISHOP, MIKE WALKER	2010	The Economics of EC Competition Law: Concepts, Application, and Measurement	3 rd ed.	London, Sweet & Maxwell
Recommended reading				
MAHER M. DABBAH	2010	International and Comparative Competition Law	1 st ed.	Cambridge, Cambridge University Press
DAVID J. GERBER	2010	Global Competition: Law, Markets, and Globalization	1 st ed.	Oxford, Oxford University Press
VIVIEN ROSE, DAVID BAILEY (EDS.)	2013	Bellamy & Child: European Community Law of Competition	7 th ed.	Oxford, Oxford University Press
JONATHAN FAULL, ALI NIKPAY (EDS.)	2014	Faull & Nikpay: The EC Law of Competition	3 rd ed.	Oxford, Oxford University Press