



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
INSTITUTIONAL LAW OF EUROPEAN UNION	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
First	Optional

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Online	3 (autumn)/ 4 (spring) 5 (autumn)/ 6 (spring)	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: Constitutional Law, Theory of Law	Additional requirements (if any): none

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	133	32	101

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
<p>The course unit aims at providing a general knowledge of EU law: the philosophical foundations and practical reasons for the establishment of EU; EU institutions and their major competences; key principles and specific features of EU law, interaction with national law; legislative procedure and EU legal acts; jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and actions brought before the Court, as well as competences to apply this knowledge in practice. This knowledge provides capacity to carry out individual and independent search and analysis of EU legal acts and ECJ case-law in the official databases.</p>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
- Students will become familiar with the rationale of EU creation, its philosophical foundations and current institutional framework	Lectures, seminars, individual work.	Written examination
- Students will be able to explain key principles of the functioning of the European Union, interaction between EU institutions and the relation between the EU and its member states.		
- Students will be able to properly assess the influence of European Union law on the national law of EU Member States and interaction between two autonomous legal systems.	Lectures, seminars, individual work, problem-based learning.	Individual (group) research work, written examination.
- Students will be able to apply the fundamental concepts and terminology of EU law in a consistent and proper manner.		
- Students will be able to understand EU legal sources interpret them and have a knowledge of application of EU law.		
- Students will be able on to find relevant EU legal acts, case-law, legislative make searches and systematically analyse and interpret legal regulation laid down therein.	Lectures, seminars, individual work, problem-based learning.	Individual (group) research work, written examination.
- Students will be able to prepare a presentation on their own and select necessary sources and material, and to present it in a reasonable, coherent, and understandable manner to professionals and non-professionals alike.	Lectures, seminars, individual work, problem-based learning.	Individual (group) research work

- Students will be able to deepen their knowledge independently further regarding the separate institutions and branches of European Union law.	Lectures, seminars, individual work, problem-based learning.	Individual (group) research work, written examination.
- Students will be able to understand and select primary and secondary sources of information on their own. They will integrate the acquired knowledge in further process of legal studies.		

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. European Integration, Objectives, Development. Key Principles of Functioning of the European Union. Division of Power between the EU and EU Member States.	2		2				4	9	Analysis of scholarly literature.
2. European Union Institutional Framework.	2		2				4	9	Analysis of scholarly literature.
3. Sources of EU Law, Their Peculiarities.	2		2				4	10	Analysis of scholarly literature; case-law analysis of the European Court of Justice; writing of paper.
4. Relation between EU Law and National Law: Principle of Supremacy, Direct Application and Direct Effect. Indirect Effect.	2		2				4	18	Analysis of scholarly literature; case-law analysis of the European Court of Justice; writing of paper.
5. Legislation Adoption Procedures in EU Institutions.	2		2				4	9	Analysis of scholarly literature.
6. Jurisdiction and Competences of European Union Judicial Institutions.	2		2				4	12	Analysis of scholarly literature; case-law analysis of the European Court of Justice.
7. Ensuring Compliance with EU Law in Member States.	2		2				4	9	Analysis of scholarly literature; case-law analysis of the European Court of Justice.
8. Protection of Fundamental Rights.	2		2				4	9	Analysis of scholarly literature; case-law analysis of the European Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights.
								16	Preparation for the examination.
Total	16		16				32	101	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Individual (group) research work	20	During the semester	Individual (group) research work in written, relating to the analysis of problematic issues of the relation between EU law and the national law (principle of supremacy, direct application and direct effect, indirect effect), the solution of practical situations (tasks), based on EU legal norms and the practice of their interpretation and application. The evaluation of the work will be based on: - work content (problem analysis, application of legal sources, formulation of conclusions / recommendations); - work structure and style (clear structural parts and language style, proper citation use); - presentation and answering to questions during seminars.
Examination	80	End of the semester	Answering to test questions, among which at least a fifth of the questions are open questions. Answers to the test questions should reflect students'

			knowledge as well as understanding of problematics of European Union law based newly acquired abilities.
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Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
DAMIAN, Chalmers; GARETH, Davies; GIORGIO, Monti	2019	European Union Law: Text and Materials		Cambridge University Press
CRAIG, Paul; DE BURCA, Graine	2020	EU law: text, cases, and materials		Oxford University Press
LENAERTS, Koen; MASELIS, Ignace GUTMAN, Kathleen	2015	Procedural law of the European Union		Oxford University Press
Optional reading				
CREMONA, Marise; SCOTT, Joanne	2019	EU Law Beyond EU Borders: The Extraterritorial Reach of EU Law		Oxford University Press
ROSAS, Allan; ARMATI, Lorna	2014	EU Constitutional Law: An Introduction (2nd edition)		Hart Publishing
CRAIG, Paul; DE BURCA, Graine	2021	The Evolution of EU law		Oxford University Press
STOREY, Tony; PIMOR, Alexandra	2018	Unlocking EU Law		Routledge
KLAMERT, Marcus	2014	The principle of loyalty in EU law		Oxford University Press
MORANO-FOADI, Sonia; FAIRHURST, John	2020	Law of the European Union		Pearson
SCHÜTZE, Robert	2021	European Constitutional Law		Oxford University Press
VON BOGDANDY, Armin; BAST, Jürgen (eds.)	2011	Principles of European Constitutional Law		Hart Publishing