

FOUNDATIONS OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW

1. MODULE SUMMARY

Aims and Summary

The EU forms a legal order sui generis, uniting 27 Member States. EU law is becoming increasingly important, affecting the work of businesses, governments, as well as the lives of the 500 million EU citizens on a daily basis. In one way or the other 70% of national rules and regulations find their origin in Brussels.

This course will provide students with the foundations of EU law. How EU in present shape has developed over the decades? What is an institutional system of EU? How are laws adopted in the EU? What is the effect of EU law in the Member States. How does the EU system of legal protection function? Which are the sources of EU law? These are just a few questions which will be examined in this course. Much attention will be paid to the innovations brought about by the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The final part of this course will focus on one particular source of EU law, namely the general principles. These principles were introduced in the case law of the European Court of Justice already in the 1960s. They are principles of law which were not laid down in the founding treaties but which the Court ruled are inherent to any legal system.

Module Size and credits

CATS points	0.0
ECTS credits	5.0
Total student study hours	100
Number of weeks	12
School responsible	Łazarski University, Faculty of Economics and Management
Academic Year	2022-2023

Entry Requirements (pre-requisites and co-requisites)

None

Excluded Combinations

None

Composition of module mark (including weighting of components)

Paper 30%, midterm exam 30%, final exam 40%

Pass requirements

To pass the course a student must score at least 40% of the overall weighted average and not less than 35% for each assessment component. Re-assessment: coursework component(s) and/or examination as appropriate.

Special Features

None

Course stages for which this module is mandatory

MA Year 2 International Relations (level 7)

Course stages for which this module is a core option

None

2. TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

The intended learning outcomes are that on completion of this module, the student should be able to:

1. Identify, analyze, and critically assess the foundations of EU law
2. Conduct research in the areas of EU law
3. Address and solve practical cases in various areas of EU law

Indicative Content

- Evolution of the EU legal system.
- The EU legal character.
- Competence of the EU.
- Treaty principles of: conferral, proportionality, subsidiarity, sincere cooperation, non-discrimination,
- The national identity clause
- The citizenship of the EU.
- The EU institutional system.
- Nature of the EU legal order.
- Sources of EU law, in particular the general principles of EU law.
- The EU legislative and non-legislative procedures.
- Judicial review and enforcement mechanisms.

Teaching and Learning

This module will be taught by means of lectures and self-directed study.

Formative Assessment: Comments will be given on assessments, and tutorial guidance will be provided for coursework and exam.

Student activity and time spent on each activity comprises:

Guided	0 hours	(0%)
Lecture	0 hours	(0%)
Self-guided	70 hours	(70%)
Seminar	30 hours	(30%)
Workshop	0 hours	(0%)
Total	100 hours	

Method Of Assessment (normally assessed as follows)

The intended learning outcomes will be assessed as follows:

- Paper (30% – 1,5 Credits): 2500 words; contributes to learning outcomes 1, 2
- Midterm exam (30% – 1,5 Credits): 90 minutes; contributes to learning outcomes 1, 3
- Final exam (40% – 2 Credits): 90 minutes; contributes to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3

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3. MODULE RESOURCES

Essential Reading

Kaczorowska, A., 2013. *European Union Law*. 3rd ed. London, New York: Routledge.

Craig, P., de Burca, G., 2011. *EU law. Text, cases and materials*. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hartley, T., 2010. *The Foundations of European Union Law*. 7th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Foster, N., 2013. *EU Treaties and Legislation 2013-2014. Blackstone's Statute Series*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, or equivalent collection of EU treaties and legislation.

Recommended Reading

Maduro, M. P., 1998. *We the Court: The European Court of Justice and the European Economic Constitution*. Oxford: Hart Publ.

Chalmers, D., et. al., 2010. *European Union Law: text and materials*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Borchardt, K.-D., 2010. *The ABC of European Union law*. Publications Office of the European Union.

Required Equipment

None

4. MODULE ORGANISATION

Module leader

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Length and month of examination

90 minutes in June

Expected teaching timetable slots

Note that some tutorials/seminars may be provided at times other than those shown below. Timetable information should be verified with the School responsible for the module

No timetable information available

Subject Quality and Approval information

Faculty of Economics and Management