



Aims and Learning Outcomes:

The course will examine the functioning of the EU as an international organisation, its institutional structure, fundamental principles, system of sources of law and elements of the system of legal protection. During the course students will acquire skills on how to interpret relevant provisions of Treaty on the EU and Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and will explore case-law of the European Court of Justice.

Form of studies: wykład

Mode of Studies: stacjonarne

Module level: first-cycle studies

Learning Criteria:

Interactive lecture, discussions.

Assessment Methods Criteria:

Oral exam (open-document form) - 90%, active participation in classes - 10%.

Module description:

1. Introduction. Historical evolution of the European integration
2. EU competence and general principles of EU integration.
Values and goals of the EU. Principle of conferral. Competences of EU v. member states' competences. Principle of subsidiarity and proportionality. Principle of loyal cooperation and clause on respect of member state national identity. Principle of fundamental rights protection. Principle of non-discrimination.
3. EU citizenship
Personal and material scope of the EU citizenship.
4. Introduction to the EU institutional system.
Outline of the EU institutional system and principles governing it.
5. The European Council.
Composition. Functioning. Competences. Relations and interactions with other EU institutions
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7. The European Parliament
Composition. Functioning. Competences. Relations and interactions with other EU institutions
8. The European Commission

Composition. Functioning. Competences. Relations and interactions with other EU institutions

9. The Court of Auditors and EU budget.

The Court of Auditors's composition, functioning, competences and relations and interactions with other EU institutions.

10. Auxiliary bodies and EU agencies

The Committee of Regions. The European Social and Economic Committee. EU's decentralized agencies and specialized organs.

11. EU's system of sources of law

Primary versus secondary legislation. Classification of secondary sources. Place of international agreements in the EU's system of sources of law. Principle of direct applicability and direct effect of EU law. Principle of supremacy of EU law. State liability for damages as a general principle of EU law.

12. System of legal protection in the EU.

Court of Justice of the EU – its structure, composition and functioning. Actions and procedures before the CJEU – art. 267 TFEU (preliminary reference), art. 218.11 TFEU (opinion of the CJ on international agreements), art. 258 TFEU – action for infringement, art. 263 TFEU – action for annulment, art. 265 TFEU – action for failure to act, art. 268 TFEU (action for compensation for damages).

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