

Introduction to European Union Law (F000623)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 6.0

Study time 180 h

Contact hrs

45.0h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 1)

Dutch

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online lecture

0.0h

guided self-study

15.0h

lecture

30.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023

[Bachelor of Science in Business Economics](#)

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

European integration process, sources of EU Law, EU institutions, decision-making, judicial protection, Internal Market, competition law

Position of the course

This course provides a basic overview of the development, characteristics, functioning and activities of the EU. It is especially designed for students without a prior knowledge on EU law.

Contents

After an overview of the principal sources of EU law, the main EU institutions (European Council, Council, Commission, European Parliament, Court of Justice) and the EU decision-making process are discussed. An overview of substantive EU law (internal market and competition law) is provided. In this course, judicial protection is examined by means of an analysis of the leading judgments of the Court of Justice and the General Court

Initial competences

no prior knowledge of EU law required

Final competences

- 1 evaluating the evolution of the European integration process from a legal perspective.
- 2 understanding the basic principles of the relationship between EU law and the national legal order of the Member States.
- 3 understanding EU law terminology and sources.
- 4 commenting the EU decision-making procedures.
- 5 discussing the different procedures before the Court of Justice and the General Court.
- 6 identifying, searching and using the sources of EU law.
- 7 critically discussing the basic judgments of the Court of Justice.
- 8 critically discussing and evaluating recent developments in EU law.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned

in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Online lecture, Guided self-study, Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Students will be asked to search and read certain judgments of the Court of Justice in preparation of classes.

Learning materials and price

The syllabus and relevant documents are posted on Ufora. This syllabus must be completed with lecture notes

References

K. Lenaerts en P. Van Nuffel, Europees recht, Antwerpen, Intersentia, 2011, 753 p.

G. De Baere, J. Meeusen, Grondbeginselen van het recht van de Europese Unie, Intersentia, 2020, 378 p.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support via Ufora; after appointment with professor and assistants

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written exam with a combination of essay questions and short-answer questions.

Students will be asked to comment on certain statements and to explain basic concepts of EU law. Students can use an extract of the EU Treaties during the exam.

Calculation of the examination mark

End-of-term evaluation (100%).