

European Law (K001273)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time** 150 h **Contact hrs** 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	guided self-study	15.0 h
			lecture	30.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

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Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (main subject Political Science)	5	A
Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics)	5	A
Master of Science in EU-Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

European law, Court of Justice of the EU

Position of the course

The course introduces the students to the basic principles of EU law

Contents

- Evolution and structure of the Treaty on European Union and Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- The EU as an autonomous legal order: analysis of the basic case law
- Judicial protection in the EU legal order: the role of the Court of Justice and the institutional framework
- The relationship between EU law and national law (direct effect and primacy)
- Introduction to EU substantive law (internal market, competition and EU external relations)

Initial competences

No specific prior knowledge about EU law is required

Final competences

- 1 1 Identify, search and use the sources of EU law
- 2 2. Discuss the various procedures before the General Court and the Court of Justice
- 3 3. Critically analyse judgments of the General Court and the Court of Justice, summarise the key points of a judgment in a written document and present them to other students
- 4 4. Understand the basic principles regarding the relationship between EU law and the national legal order of EU member states
- 5 5. Evaluate correctly the opportunities and limits of EU law with respect to the internal market, competition and external relations
- 6 Critically discuss and evaluate recent developments in EU law

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

In preparation of certain lectures, students will be asked to search and read judgments of the EU Court of Justice; during these lectures, students will be expected to explain the key points of these judgments (with comments regarding the relevant legal questions and the arguments used by the parties and the Court) as a basis for a group discussion regarding the issue at stake. The reading assignment and the list of judgments will be announced via Ufora.

Learning materials and price

Syllabus and relevant course material will be posted on Ufora.

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

Students can make an appointment with academic assistants to discuss questions regarding the course material

Evaluation methods

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Written examination

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

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Periodic evaluation: written exam with a combination of essay questions and short open questions. Students will be asked to comments upon a number of statements and to explain basic concepts of EU law. Students are allowed to use an extract of the EU Treaties at the exam.

Non-periodic evaluation (20 %): students prepare a short comment (3-5 pages) about a selected judgment.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic evaluation: 80 % (written exam) - non-periodic evaluation: 20 %

second exam period: only possible for the periodic evaluation (written exam). Students retain their score for the non-periodic evaluation

Facilities for Working Students

Students having the statute of 'work student' can get an alternative assignment for the non-permanent evaluation if they cannot attend classes.