

## European Law (K001273)

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

**Credits** 5.0

**Study time** 150 h

**Contact hrs**

45.0h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023**

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

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**

[Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences\(main subject Political Science\)](#)

**crdts**

5

**offering**

A

[Master of Science in Political Science\(main subject International Politics\)](#)

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A

[Master of Science in EU-Studies](#)

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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 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

(Approved)

**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

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous 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**

Participation

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

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.