



Syllabus – Elective Course

Course title:

EU Law & Policy Making

Credits:

6 ECTS credits

Teaching language:

English

Target students:

Undergraduate students from all study areas with an interest in/who would like to learn about the European Union (institutions, powers, policies...)

Teacher in charge of the course:

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COURSE PRESENTATION

Prerequisite:

To take this course, the students should have a good university level and should normally have completed at least one semester at university. They must have some ability to work as a group and be able to communicate easily in English at a standard university level. In other respects, the course is intended to serve a mix of profiles and learning backgrounds for a more diverse international learning experience.

Content:

This course will provide students with an overview of the European Union and its governance.

Topics to be covered will normally include:

- Session 1: **Multilingualism**: A first step for a European culture?
- Session 2: **European History**: Is Europe a so new idea?
- Session 3: **European treaties** from Rome to Lisbon, over 50 years of construction
- Session 4: **Enlargement** of the EU: Who's the next?
- Session 5: **Economic crisis**: What can the EU do?
- Session 6: **Human rights** & protection of the minorities
- Session 7: **Populism** in Europe: A common phenomenon in the EU?
- Session 8: **Europe of the regions**, a paradox?
- Session 9: **Environment**, a positive action of the EU
- Session 10: **External action of the EU**: who represents the EU for which objectives?

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the students should be able to:

- Understand how the European Union works.
- Describe the main policies of the European Union.

WORKLOAD

French contact hours = 60 minutes (in some countries/institutions, 1 contact hour = 45-50 minutes)

Form	Number of hours	Comments
Face-to-face, in-class, on-site learning	39 hours	13 sessions of 3 hours
Approximate personal work/homework	20 hours	
Student total workload	59 hours	

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

Lecture, discussion, presentations, sharing of experiences, group work, guided visits, on-site education
Visit of the European Parliament.

RESOURCES

All course materials will be supplied in class. References may be made to the following resources:

- Website

Books in EU law:

- Catherine BARNARD, *The Substantive Law of the EU: The Four Freedoms*, OUP Oxford, 2022, 744 p.
- Catherine BARNARD, Steve PEERS, *European Union Law*, OUP Oxford, 2023, 1064 p.
- Damian CHALMERS, Gareth DAVIES, Giorgio MONTI, *European Union Law: Cases and Materials*, Cambridge University Press, 4th ed., 2019, 1000 p.
- Paul CRAIG, Gráinne DE BURCA, *EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials*, OUP Oxford, 2024, 1344 p.
- Bruno DE WITTE, Mark DAWSON, Elise MUIR, *Judicial Activism at the European Court of Justice*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2013, 304 p.
- Louis DUBOIS, Claude BLUMANN, *Droit matériel de l'Union européenne*, Montchrestien, 7e éd., 2015, 878 p.
- Jean-Paul JACQUE, *Droit institutionnel de l'Union européenne*, 8e éd., 2015, Dalloz, 816 p.
- Michael KARPENSCHIF et Cyril NOURISSAT, *Les grands arrêts de la jurisprudence de l'Union européenne*, Thémis, 4e éd., 2021
- Koen LENAERTS et Piet Van NUFFEL, *European Union Law*, Sweet & Maxwell, 3rd ed., 2011, 1334 p.
- Koen LENAERTS e.a., *EU Procedural Law*, 2014, OUP Oxford, 1056 p.
- Francesco MARTUCCI, *Droit de l'Union européenne*, Dalloz, 2025, 916 p.

ASSESSMENT

Form	Number	Comments
Continuous assessment (20%)	1	1 Quiz, 1 Presentation, Participation in class.
Final exam (60%)	1	Examination covering all aspects of the course.
Other (student participation...) (20%)		Attendance, participation, and contribution to group discussion.

This syllabus is based on information available at the time of publication (October 2025). Changes may occur.

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