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Syllabus 2024-25 - 11812038 - European Union Law and Institutions (Instituciones y derecho de la Unión Europea)

Caption

- Level 1: Tutorial support sessions, materials and exams in this language
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COURSE:

European Union Law and Institutions

SYLLABUS

1. COURSE BASIC INFORMATION

NAME: European Union Law and Institutions

CODE: 11812038

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-25

LANGUAGE: English

LEVEL: 2

ECTS CREDITS: 6.0

YEAR: 4

SEMESTER: PC

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3. CONTENT DESCRIPTION

THEME 1. THE EUROPEAN UNION

1.- Historical development: from the ECSC to the Treaty of Lisbon.

2.- Definition, nature and general characteristics.

3.- Values and objectives.

4.- Fundamental principles.

5.- Enhanced cooperation.

6.- Accession to and withdrawal from the European Union.

SUBJECT 2. COMPETENCES

1.- The principle of attribution of competence.

Categories of competence:

2.1.- Exclusive competences.

2.2.- Shared competences.

2.3.- Supporting, coordinating and complementary competences. 2.4.

2.4.- Evolving or implicit competences.

3.- Principles relating to the exercise of powers.

SUBJECT 3. THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM (I)

1.- Introduction.

- 2.- The European Council.
- 3.- The European Commission.
- 4.- The Council of the European Union.

SUBJECT 4. THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM (II)

- 1.- The European Parliament.
- 2. The Court of Justice of the European Union:
 - 2.1.- The Court of Justice.
 - 2.2.- The General Court.
 - 2.3.- The specialised Courts.
- 3.- The Court of Auditors.
- 4.- The European Central Bank.

SUBJECT 5. BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- 1.- The consultative bodies.
 - The European Economic and Social Committee. 1.2.
 - The Committee of the Regions. 1.3.
 - 1.3.- The European Investment Bank.
- 2.- The European Ombudsman.
- 3.- The European Agencies.

SUBJECT 6. DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. The ordinary legislative procedure.
- 3. Special legislative procedures.

THE SYSTEM OF RULES AND LEGAL ACTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (I)

- 1. Introduction
- 2. General features of European Union law.
- 3. Original/primary law of the European Union.
- 4. Unwritten rules: general principles of law and custom.

THE SYSTEM OF RULES AND LEGAL ACTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (II)

- 1.- Institutional/secondary/derivative law of the European Union:
 - 1.1.- Typical binding acts: regulation; directive; and decision.
 - 1.2.- Typical non-binding acts: recommendation and opinion.
 - 1.3.- Non-typical acts.
- 2. International normative instrumentation

SUBJECT 9. THE LAW OF THE UNION AND THE LEGAL SYSTEMS OF THE MEMBER STATES.

MEMBERS

- 1.- Introduction.
- 2.- The principle of direct effectiveness of European Union Law. 3.
- 3.- The principle of the primacy of European Union Law.
- 4.- The principle of State responsibility for non-compliance with European Union Law.

SUBJECT 10. THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

- 1.- The judicial jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union: contentious, preliminary ruling and advisory jurisdiction.
- 2.- Actions for failure to fulfil obligations.

3.- Review of the legality of European Union law:

3.1.- Actions for annulment.

3.2.- Actions for failure to act.

3.3.- The plea of illegality.

4.- Preliminary rulings.

INTERNAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Introduction to the internal and external policies and actions of the EU. 2.

2.- Human rights and fundamental freedoms. European citizenship.

3.- Internal Market.

4.- Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

5.- Other policies.

SUBJECT 12. EXTERNAL ACTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The international legal personality of the European Union. 2.

2.- External relations of the European Union.

3.- The Common Foreign and Security Policy.

4. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND TEACHING METHODOLOGY

ACTIVITIES	CLASSROOM HOURS	HOURS OF AUTONOMOUS WORK	TOTAL HOURS	ECTS CREDITS	COMPETENCES (Codes)
A1 - Lectures in large groups *M-01 - Lectures	45.0	75.0	120.0	4.8	*E10 *E14 *G1 *G2
A2 - Classes in practical groups *M05 - Practical activities	15.0	15.0	30.0	1.2	*E12 *E4 *E6 *G12 *G3 *G5
TOTAL	60.0	90.0	150.0	6.0	

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5. ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Ordinary call

Attendance and/or participation in activities 10%.

Theoretical concepts of the subject 60%

Completion of assignments, cases or exercises 30%.

Extraordinary exams

Attendance and / or participation in activities 10%.

Theoretical concepts of the subject 60%

Completion of assignments, case studies or exercises 30%.

6. BOOKLIST ([Access the bibliography in the Library catalog](#))

MAIN BOOKLIST:

- Instituciones y Derecho de la Unión Europea . Edition: -. Author: Mangas Martín, Araceli.. Publisher: McGraw-Hill ([Library](#))
- Basic concepts of EU law . Edition: [1ª edición]. Author: Salinas de Frías, Ana, editor literario. Publisher: Tirant lo Blanch ([Library](#))

ADDITIONAL BOOKLIST:

- ABC del Derecho de la Unión Europea . Edition: -. Author: Borchardt, Klaus-Dieter.. Publisher: Oficina de Publicaciones la Unión Europea ([Library](#))
- Tratado de la Unión Europea, Tratado de Funcionamiento y otros aspectos básicos de la Unión Europea . Edition: 25ª ed.. Author: Mangas Martín, Araceli, ed.. Publisher: Tecnos ([Library](#))

7. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Educación de calidad

Trabajo decente y crecimiento económico

Reducción de las desigualdades

Acción por el clima

Paz, justicia e instituciones sólidas

DETAILED INFORMATION

The choice of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to the subject is crucial to contextualise the teaching in a broader framework of global development and social responsibility. The SDGs were established by the United Nations as a roadmap for achieving sustainable development in various social, economic and environmental areas by 2030. Below are some SDGs that we consider particularly relevant to the teaching of EU law, together with an explanation of their relevance.

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 16 promotes peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice for all and the building of effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. This goal is particularly relevant for European Union law, as the EU is founded on the rule of law and the promotion of human rights. The study of EU law involves analysing how EU institutions, such as the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Court of Justice of the European Union, work to strengthen the rule of law, guarantee justice and protect the fundamental rights of European citizens. In addition, the EU plays a crucial role in promoting peace and stability in Europe and the world.

SDG 10: Reducing Inequalities

SDG 10 aims to reduce inequality within and between countries. The European Union has a number of policies and mechanisms to address economic and social inequalities between and within its Member States. EU cohesion policy, for example, aims to reduce disparities between regions and promote balanced development across the Union. The study of EU law provides an opportunity to explore how these policies are implemented and what impact they have on reducing inequalities, as well as to analyse the associated challenges and criticisms.

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 8 promotes sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. The European Union has a strong commitment to improving working conditions and promoting balanced and sustainable economic growth. EU law includes a number of directives and regulations that address issues such as labour rights, social security, and working conditions. Analysing these regulations and their implementation provides students with an in-depth understanding of how the EU contributes to economic and social development.

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 13 focuses on taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. The European Union is one of the most active global players in the fight against climate change. European climate and energy legislation, including the European Green Pact, sets ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting renewable energy and improving energy efficiency. In teaching EU law, it is essential to examine these policies and their impact both within the EU and globally.

SDG 4: Quality Education

Although SDG 4 focuses primarily on education at the global level, its relevance to EU law lies in promoting inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning. The EU supports numerous education and research programmes, such as Erasmus+, which promote mobility and academic cooperation between Member States. Examining these initiatives allows students to understand how the EU contributes to improving education and vocational training in Europe.

8. VIRTUAL / CLASSROOM TEACHING SCENARIO

Lectures or theoretical classes (6 ECTS). Face-to-face 33-50% depending on capacity limitations. Development of master classes, debate with students and resolution of doubts in class, in subgroups or small groups in alphabetical order (depending on the limitation of the classroom) that will rotate weekly, and asynchronous theoretical training activities through Virtual Teaching with the rest of the group.

Practical classes (3 ECTS). Face-to-face 33-50% depending on capacity limitations. Practical classes carried out in the classroom in subgroups or small groups in alphabetical order (depending on the limitation of the classroom) that will rotate on a weekly basis, and practical training activities of an asynchronous nature through Virtual Teaching with the rest of the group.

Tutorials. Face-to-face + Online. Some tutoring sessions will be face-to-face and others online (synchronous and asynchronous).

9. VIRTUAL TEACHING SCENARIO

Lectures or theoretical classes (6 ECTS). Non-face-to-face. Weekly hours of virtual master classes (online) carried out synchronously through videoconferences and asynchronous theoretical training activities through Virtual Teaching.

Practical classes (3 ECTS). Non-attendance. Practical training activities of an asynchronous nature through Virtual Teaching.

Tutorials. Non-attendance. All tutorial sessions will be held online (synchronous and asynchronous).

DATA PROTECTION CLAUSE (on line exams)

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