



INTRODUCTION

This course evaluates the law of the European Union (EU). It evaluates the law of the EU as a political system and it evaluates the law of the EU as an economic system. The course, therefore, comprises two parts, each in support of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) as the political constitution of the EU and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as the economic constitution of the EU. Thus, in the first part of the course, students consider the institutional and procedural law of the EU. Topics in this part include the origins and institutions of the EU; the sources of EU law and its nature and effect; and, the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice. In the second part of the course, students consider the substantive law of the EU. Topics in this part include the four freedoms of the European single market - the free movement of goods, the free movement of persons, the freedom of establishment and to provide services, and the free movement of capital - as well as the maintenance of competition within it.

- **Degree:** International Relations with Law / International Relations with History
- **Course:** European Union Law
- **ECTS:** 6 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits
- **Year / Semester:** Third Year / Second Semester
- **Course Type:** Compulsory
- **Course Teacher:** Professor Gonzalo Villalta Puig
- **Course Language:** English
- **Class Schedule and Location:**
 - Lecture: Mondays 12:00 - 13:30 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 16)
 - Seminar A: Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:45 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 08)
 - Seminar B: Wednesdays 15:30 - 16:45 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 09)

COMPETENCIES

Basic Competencies:

- **CB02** - To be able to implement theoretical knowledge in practical professional life and to demonstrate the capacity to elaborate, pose and defend arguments, as well as to solve problems falling within the scope of the area of study.
- **CB03** - To be able to gather and interpret relevant data generally related to the area of study in order to draw reflective judgments on important social, scientific or ethical issues.
- **CB04** - To be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions both to a general audience and to a specialised audience.
- **CB05** - To develop the learning skills required to engage in further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

General Competencies:

- **CG01** - To analyse, value, and rationalise the varying conditions of the international arena in light of the acquired knowledge.



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- **CG03** - To draft and interpret legal texts, particularly international law texts.
- **CG05** - To be able to correctly and adequately discuss international issues.

Specific Competencies:

- **CE02** - To be able to analyse the nature and features of the relations among international actors, particularly among states.
- **CE03** - To be acquainted with and understand the principal elements defining the external policy of states.
- **CE04** - To connect historical processes and events with the current international order.
- **CE06** - To be able to differentiate the competences and functions of states, NGOs (non-governmental organisations) and NSAs (non-state actors) acting in the international system.
- **CE09** - To understand the structure, competences and functioning of international institutions and organisations.
- **CE10** - To understand European Union (EU) institutions, norms, decision procedures and policies.
- **CE17** - To be able to analyse legal and social issues connected to international relations taking into account the principles and norms of international law.

SYLLABUS

Institutional and Procedural Law of the European Union:

- Origins
- Institutions
- Sources
- Supremacy and Effect
- Preliminary Rulings
- Enforcement Actions
- Judicial Review

Substantive Law of the European Union:

- Trade Law
 - Free Movement of Goods
 - Fiscal Measures
 - Non-Fiscal Measures
 - Free Movement of Persons
 - European Union Citizenship
 - Free Movement of Workers
 - Freedom of Establishment and to Provide Services
 - Free Movement of Capital
- Competition Law
 - Anti-Competitive Undertakings
 - Dominant Undertakings

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Class Schedule:



The course runs for 14 weeks in the second semester of the academic year – from Monday 08 January 2024 to Friday 26 April 2024, including a two-week class-free Easter vacation – and comprises a weekly asynchronous (expositive) video lecture plus a weekly 90 minute (discussive) in-class lecture session for both groups and a weekly 75 minute (interactive) in-class seminar session for each student group.

Workload Distribution:

The course weighs six European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. One ECTS credit corresponds to 25 hours of student work. While there are differences among students, the expectation is that an individual student would dedicate approximately 150 hours of work (contact and non-contact) in support of the 14-week programme. As an approximate break down, the estimation is that 11 hours per week of student work are necessary to successfully complete the course, with the average hours per week for each learning and teaching activity as follows:

Activity	Mode	ECTS	Hours (per week)	Percentage
Expositive (Video) Lectures	Out-of-Class	0.56	14 hrs (1.00 p/w)	09%
Discussive (Live) Lectures	In-Class	0.84	21 hrs (1.50 p/w)	14%
Interactive Seminars	In-Class	0.70	17.5 hrs (1.25 p/w)	12%
Personal Study /Reading	Out-of-Class	1.68	42 hrs (3.00 p/w)	28%
Assessment Preparation	Out-of-Class	2.22	55.5 hrs (4.00 p/w)	37%
Total	---	6.00	150 hrs (11.00 p/w)	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Exercise	Percentage of Marks	Date and Location
Class Participation	10%	Weekly (In-Class)



News and Comments	10%	By Roster (In-Class)
Multiple Choice Test (Part I)	10%	26 February 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Multiple Choice Test (Part II)	10%	22 April 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Research Essay	30%	11 March 2024 (by 09:00) (Turnitin)
Problem Examination	30% (with 50% hurdle)	Examination Period (May 2024)
Reassessment	Research Essay (4,000 words)	07 June 2024

OFFICE HOURS

For consultation, students must email the Course Teacher, **Professor Gonzalo Villalta Puig**, with a request for an appointment: gvillalta@unav.es. Student consultations are held:

- in Room 2730, Ismael Sánchez Building;
- on Wednesdays of term time from 13:00 to 14:00.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The course textbook is [*Complete EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials*](#) (5th ed, Oxford University Press 2022) by Elspeth Berry, Barbara Bogusz, Matthew Homewood, and Sophie Strecker. Copies are available for purchase from [Amazon.es](https://www.amazon.es). The Library has loan and non-loan copies.