



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Eu Antitrust Law

2122-4-A5810236

Learning objectives

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The interrelation between Law and economics is very important in this field.

In light of the importance which the abovementioned issues have gained for a significant number of professionals, this course may be very useful for all *laurea magistrale* and *laurea triennale* students who intend to work within National or European public administration bodies, law firms, consulting firms, or enterprises.

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Detailed program

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The course will take a very concrete and interactive approach with regard to the issues which will be dealt with from time to time and will always make reference to European Commission's common practice and Court of Justice of the European Union's case law. For this purpose, several meetings may be scheduled with lawyers, European Commission's high officials, economists or managers who generally apply such rules within their day-to-day activity, in order to provide students with their practical experience.

Prerequisites

Knowledge of EU Law is mandatory.

Teaching methods

The lecturing activity will be rendered in English will be organized in:

- frontal lectures also with external experts (lawyers and EU and national officers);
- critical discussion of the selected topics;
- autonomous solution of cases from the student and homework;
- individual and group works and activities;
- case discussions.

Students are expected to take an active part in the course since the emphasis is placed upon seminars and discussion groups rather than formal lectures. Students must also be prepared to give presentations to the rest of

the group.

Assessment methods

Oral exam is mandatory for non-attending students.

Attending students may instead take oral or written exams during the course. Students are expected to take an active part in the course since the emphasis is placed upon seminars and discussion groups rather than formal lectures. Students must also be prepared to give presentations to the rest of the group.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1. For the students that cannot attend classes:

EU Competition Law 2017 Cases, Texts and Context, Eleanor M. Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation, New York University, School of Law, US and Damien Gerard, Director, Global Competition Law Center (GCLC) and Visiting Professor, College of Europe and Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/eu-competition-law>

2. For the students that can attend classes

There is no mandatory book, but rather the material distributed in class will suffice.
