UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Eu Law - M-Z

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Learning objectives

Understand what knowledge and skills are to be acquired and those that must have already been acquired in order to be able to take the course in relation to the European Union and its institutions. In particular:

1. Provide students with a complete and up-to-date picture of sorting knowledge of the European Union, as well as the ability to understand the process of European integration, of the rules and principles governing the relationship between European Union law and domestic law, in particularly the Italian one.
2. Develop students' ability to critically re-elaborate principles and legal norms. The student must demonstrate that they can apply the notions of law to concrete cases, through the study of official documents of the European Union and, in particular, of the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice.
3. To develop in the students autonomous competence of judgment, through the elaboration of legally sustainable arguments with reference to the topics covered by the teaching of the course.
4. To acquire mastery of specific legal terminology. The student must be able to express knowledge correctly, consistently and with the properties of language;
5. Develop students' autonomous learning skills, so as to integrate their own knowledge.

Contents

The course is aimed at providing an overall view of the institutional evolution of European Union law, as codified in the Lisbon Treaty.
The evolution of the matter is addressed through the systematic reference to the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the Court. The intent is to illustrate the significant contribution that this jurisprudence has given to the affirmation of the competences of the Union and to the clarification of the characteristics and general principles of European Union law.

Detailed program

Programme for all students

During the lectures, the historical origins of the European Communities and the European Union and the evolution of the Community system up to the Treaty of Lisbon will be examined first, including a comparison with the Treaty-Constitution; the examination of the principle of democracy and the founding values of the Union, the constitutional principles and European citizenship will follow; the system of competences, the principle of attribution, subsidiarity and proportionality.
Subsequently, the institutional framework will be examined in detail, with specific reference to the evolution of skills and the composition of the institutions; the system of sources and acts of the European Union and their effectiveness, the legislative function and that of control; the judicial, contentious and non-contentious function. Hints will also be given to the external action of the Union, to the common foreign and security policy and to the commercial relations of the Union.
Finally, the relationship between the European Union and the Italian legal system will be examined, with particular attention to the evolution of the law for the implementation of EU obligations and relations with the regions.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

The teaching method is mainly based on lectures in the classroom. In accordance with the University Regulations, some lectures will be delivered remotely and the corresponding recordings will be uploaded to e-learning. THe lectures that will be delivered remotely are:

- 29/10
- 30/10
- 31/10
  During the lessons, the analysis of practical cases, in particular resolved by the Court of Justice of the EU, will be added to the theoretical and framework discussion. This teaching method is used due to the centrality of EU jurisprudence in the development and definition of the peculiar characteristics, general principles and substantive discipline of the EU legal system.

Two afternoon meetings are planned for working students or for those who are unable to attend the lectures in person or remotely and need explanations and clarifications on the parts of the syllabus covered. The meetings will take place via the Webex platform on the following dates and times:

1. moday 25 november at 18:30 https://unimib.webex.com/unimib/j.php?MTID=m56b87730f290301aadd55104ff14607f (meeting number 2740 002 4980; password ANc3H4Ebmv5 (26234432 when dialing from a phone)
2. moday 16 december at 18:30 https://unimib.webex.com/unimib/j.php?MTID=mbdabf9e232b23a31fa2fc93f22a8cdb1(meeting number 2741 592 1756; password PEyiCqpQ832 (73942777 when dialing from a phone)

Assessment methods

Type of exam for all students

In line with the indications of the Department, the exams consist of a final exam in the form of an interview.
The final exam consists of an interview on all the topics covered in class.
All students will be able to take the final exam on the complete program of the course.

There will be a written test on 19 December 2024 that will consist of one or two open questions on the entire programme. In order to take the written test, an application format will be opened on the course page, which will remain open for a limited time.
The vote obtained in the written test will be averaged with the vote obtained in the final interview.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

To prepare for the exam, we recommend one of the texts listed below (alternatively between them).

- R. ADAM, A. TIZZANO, Lineamenti di Diritto dell'Unione europea, V edition, Giappichelli, Turin, 2022 (37 euros)

Or

F. BESTAGNO, U. DRAETTA, A. SANTINI, Elementi di diritto dell'Unione europea, Giuffré editore, Milano, 2022. (34 euros)

Or

-U. VILLANI, Istituzioni di Diritto dell'Unione europea, VII edizione, Cacucci, Bari, 2024. (40 euros)

Furthermore, it is recommended to consult the rules of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union on one of the many 'codes' or collections on the market.
The consolidated version of the Treaty can also be found online at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/collection/eu-law/treaties/treaties-force.html?locale=it

On the e-learning page of the course there is a lot of summary and / or in-depth material. Although all the material is optional, its consultation is useful for orienting oneself in the complexity of the subject.
Regular viewing and consultation are recommended.

In addition, please note that passing the European Union law course is a prerequisite for attending a newly activated course, or legal clinic of "European Union law and protection of personal data".

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