UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Eu Law - M-Z

2627-3-A5810130-MZ

Learning objectives

The course aims to provide a basic knowledge of EU Law. As EU Law is an important section of national law, therefore, knowledge of EU Law is essential for the background of any well-grounded legal professional. Specifically, upon completion of the course, you will be able to:

A) Expertise and comprehension skills

Understand the basic principles governing the EU system and the european integration;
Understand whether a certain given situation falls within the scope of EU law or instead within the scope of national law;
Identify which EU institutions or actors are competent to adopt EU decisions (rectius: acts) and the effects of such EU acts on the national systems.

B) Applied knowledge and comprehension skills

Be able to address a conflict between EU law and national law.
Use the correct legal terminology specific to the EU system
Be familiar with the legal rationale behind the main EU rules/principles.
Find in the treaties, EU secondary legislation and/or EU case law analyzed during the course the legal rules governing a certain concrete legal situation
Understand the importance of EU case law and its use.

C) Autonomy in understanding EU Law issues

Gain autonomy of judgment regarding the importance of EU law, in order to be able to distinguish the reliability of EU-related information in the media and media, as well as correctly apply EU law in the work environment.

D) Communication Skills

Understand how to communicate to public and private parties and individuals who draft or apply administrative or judicial measures the legal problems and key regulatory elements involved.

E) Learning skills

Understand how to find the relevant texts of rules and to independently interpret any juridical norm.

Contents

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At the end of the course,

·You will be able to correctly explain the principles governing law-making in the EU and its implementation in the Member States

· You will be familiar with the fundamental principles of the European legal order and with several important rules of EU law. You will be able to assess whether, in a simple scenario, such principles and rules have been complied

with.

·You will be able to establish whether a given factual situation falls within the scope of EU law or of national law and to assess which institutions and actors are competent to intervene in a situation where national law conflicts with EU law.

·You will be able to use the technical terminology of European law.

·You will be able to explain the function(s) of certain rules within the EU legal order

·You will be able

Prerequisites

Students must have full knowledge of International Law.

Teaching methods

All lectures are conducted in face-to-face mode (lecture).

In particular:

- 30 lectures (2 hours) delivered in face-to-face mode;
- 4 lectures (2 hours) delivered remotely (recorded and published on the platform eleraning);
- 2 lecture (2 hours) delivered in interactive mode (questions/answers in view of the exam) delivered remotely (synchronous and not recorded and published). The lesson will be held in the late afternoon or on Saturday mornings in order to allow the participation of working students.

A detailed class schedule will be published on the e-learning platform at the beginning of the academic year.

The course, although delivered in lecture mode, privileges a concrete approach and encourages an active role of the students in class. To this purpose, the course will be mainly focused on the analysis of the EU Teaty, EU legislative and non-legislative acts as well as on ECJ's case law. Class materials (EU Law and ECJ's decisions) will be published on the website elearning/Moodle and are mandaroty part of the exams. Students are required to obtain any such material before class (either the paper version or the electronic version, which will be available on eleraning/Moodle). You will then need to go over the texts again after class. As much as possible in a large group, we would like you to participate actively. Questions are always welcome!

Assessment methods

In-person oral examination.

The oral test consists of an interview on the topics developed in the examination manuals + on documents (e.g. acts, EU judgments) published on the elearning platform (which are also mentioned in the textbooks and are the subject of the lectures).

The examination is intended to test the ability to understand and expound in a clear and personal manner all the fundamental topics and aspects of EU Law.

The criteria for assessing the skills indicated are based on knowledge and understanding of the fundamental content of the discipline; the ability to organize the response; the legal terminology used; and the use of legal sources.

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 edizione, Giappichelli, Torino, 2022

or

- Luigi DANIELE, Diritto dell'Unione Europea. Sistema istituzionale. Ordinamento. Tutela giurisdizionale. Competenze,* Milano, Giuffré, 9 ed., 2024

or

- Roberto Mastroianni e Girolamo Strozzi, Diritto dell'Unione Europea. Parte istituzionale, Giappichelli, settembre 2023

- **The materials published on the e-learning platform are an integral part of the course and the exam.**

In case an updated version of the three aforementioned manuals is published, the student is required to purchase the most recent version.

You are strongly encouraged to buy the textbook and to read it as we progress through the course. By doing so, you will be able to easily establish links between the lectures and the corresponding chapters of the textbook. Feel free to read the textbook either before or after the course. In any event, reading the textbook will allow you to better understand topics dealt with in class.

The study of the textbook must necessarily be complemented with the knowledge of the provisions (articles) of the Treaties, which the texts makes reference to. The students may also find the consolidated versions to the Treaties (for free) on the following website: Eurlex,

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