

DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTION
PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW

1. Information on the study programme

1.1 Institution of higher education	West University of Timișoara
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Law
1.3 Department	Department of Public Law
1.4 Field of Study	Law
1.5 Cycle of study	Master's Studies
1.6 Programme of study / Qualification	European Union Law

2. Information on the discipline

2.1 Discipline denomination		Principles and Foundations of European Union Law D2UE1101					
2.2 Responsible for class activities		Professor Raluca BERCEA, PhD					
2.3 Responsible for seminar activities		Professor Raluca BERCEA, PhD					
2.4 Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Type of evaluation	EX	2.7 Discipline regime	CS

3. Total estimated time (number of hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	out of which: 3.2 class	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total number of hours included in the curriculum	42	out of which: 3.5 class	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	14
Distribution of time:					
Study using textbooks, support materials, bibliography and notes					45
Additional research in the library, using specialized electronic platforms / field research					20
Preparation for seminars / laboratories, homework, projects, essays					15
Tutoring					1
Examination					2
Other activities					-
3.7 Total number of hours of individual study		83			
3.8 Total number of hours per semester		125			

3.9 Number of credits	5
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4. Preconditions (if any)

4.1 curriculum-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study of institutional European Union Law and Public International Law during bachelor studies (recommended)
4.2 competence-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General knowledge of European Union Law

5. Conditions (if any)

5.1 regarding classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online. Technical facilities as required by WUT regulation
5.2 regarding seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online. Technical facilities as required by WUT regulation

6. Discipline objectives (expected results of the learning process to which the discipline contributes)

6.1. Knowledge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complex analysis of the specificity of EU law Advanced acquiring of concepts and terminology specific to EU institutions, particularly of those employed in the relevant case-law of the European Union Court of Justice. Profound understanding of the essential principles of European Union Law Profound understanding of the way in which the essential principles of the European Union interact with the member states' systems of law The application of European Union law's essential principles to the legal reality of the Romanian legal system
6.2. Abilities	Development of the ability to critically and constructively reflect on the consequences of Romania's integration in the European Union from the perspective of the application of EU law in relation to national law with regard to those fields where competences have been transferred to the EU.
6.3. Responsibility and autonomy	Developing the capacity to conduct, individually and autonomously, analyses of given factual situations and to operate with the relevant concepts of EU law at a level similar to that required in a legal professional environment.

7. Contents

7.1 Courses	Teaching Methods	Observations
<i>Chapter 1. General principles and fundamental rights as normative sources in the law of the European Union</i>	Lecture	2 hours Introductory course
<i>Chapter 2. The history of European integration. Membership of the EU</i>	Lecture	2 hours Revision course
<i>Chapter 3. Supremacy of EU law</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 4. Direct effect of EU law</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 5. Direct applicability of EU law</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 6. Protection of fundamental rights in the EU</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 7. Sources of EU law</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 8. Preliminary ruling: Article 267 TFUE</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 9. Actions brought before the CJEU</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required
<i>Chapter 10. Citizenship of the EU.</i>	Lecture	2 hours Preliminary study of doctrine and jurisprudence required

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7.2 Seminar/laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
Supremacy and/or Priority of EU law	Debate	1 hour Caselaw and Doctrinal analysis
The direct effect and/or direct invocability of directives	Debate	1 hour Caselaw and Doctrinal analysis
Fundamental rights in the EU	Debate	1 hour Caselaw and Doctrinal analysis
Interactions between the ECJ and the ECtHR	Debate	1 hour Caselaw and Doctrinal analysis
The position of the Romanian Constitutional Court regarding EU law	Debate	1 hour Caselaw analysis
The typology of referrals initiated by the Romanian courts	Debate	1 hour Caselaw analysis
Rule of law before the ECJ	Debate	1 hour Caselaw analysis

8. Corroboration of the discipline contents with the expectations of the representatives of the epistemic community, professional associations and key employers in the field of the programme

- The discipline's content is in accordance with those of similar disciplines taught at other faculties of law from Romania and from abroad

9. Evaluation

Type of activity	9.1 Evaluation criteria	9.2 Methods of evaluation	9.3 Percentage of the final grade
9.4 Class	Knowledge of the subject	Written examination and oral exam	100%
	Adequate expression	Alternatively: continuous evaluation through 5 seminars	
9.5 Seminar / laboratory	Knowledge of the subject		
	Participation in debates		
	Project presentation		
9.6 Minimal performance standard			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtaining at least grade 5 (five) 			

Date

15.09.2023

Discipline holder

Professor Raluca Bercea, PhD

Date of approval by the faculty department

20.09.2023

Department director

Conf. dr. Cristian Clipa