

Code: IUS/14

Credits: 9

Matter: European Union Law

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

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Introduction

Objective of the course: The course of EU Law aims to offer advanced knowledge about the institutional set-up, the legislative activity and the areas of material competence of the European Union. The process of integration among EU Member States is analyzed starting from the historical precedents and from the first founding acts of the European Communities up to the current configuration resulting from the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. In addition to the analysis of the institutions and governing bodies of the Union, particular attention is paid to the procedures for adopting legislative acts, to their effectiveness within national systems, and to the fundamental role played by the Court of Justice.

Objectives

Course Structure: The course of EU Law, divided into nine modules corresponding to the related training credits, is taught through both pre-recorded audio-video lessons and classroom lectures. It pursues the following formative objectives: 1) to outline the current regulatory and institutional framework of the European Union; 2) to illustrate the functioning of the main institutions and the rules governing the legal relations among institutions, member States, individuals and private entities within the EU; 3) to describe the main functions exercised by European institutions, highlighting the effects of EU law at the national level; 4) to outline the areas of material intervention of European Union policies and their effectiveness.

Competencies

The course of EU Law is aimed at developing the following competencies:

- the acquisition of the basic notions concerning the current structure of legal relations within EU, in order to understand the relative development processes;
- the progressive improvement of a capacity for analysis and critical judgment on the norms and principles of a substantial nature and on the procedural rules that characterize the EU law discipline;
- the development of a specific capacity for synthesis with regard to the understanding of the dynamics of EU legal relations;
- the use of the necessary terminology to argue the theoretical and practical knowledge acquired by learning.

Syllabus

Programme of the course:

Subject 1. Origins and evolution of the European integration process: from the Communities to the European Union

Subject 2. The general principles and objectives of the European Union. The sources of law and the procedures for the adoption of legislative acts

Subject 3. The EU institution and organs

Subject 4. The jurisdictional functions of the CJEU

Subject 5. The legal relations among the EU and the legal systems of Member States

Subject 6. The protection of human rights and the European citizenship

Subject 7. The Economic and Monetary Union

Subject 8. The Space of Justice, Security and Freedom

Subject 9. The common foreign and defence policy and the external relations of EU

Evaluation system and criteria

The assessment of the achieved learning outcomes is carried out, alternatively, in oral or written form. The oral exam consists of an interview focused on the topics of the course and aimed at ascertaining both the knowledge, the ability to understand, learn and draw conclusions, and finally, the communication skills held by the student. The written test consists of 30 multiple choice questions (4 alternatives, of which only 1 correct), concerning the topics of the course and aimed at ascertaining the knowledge and ability to understand, learn and draw conclusions from the student. In both methods of verification (oral examination or written test) the

student's ability to apply the acquired knowledge to situations drawn from international practice is also assessed.

Bibliography and resources

Materials to consult: The teaching materials available in the e-learning platform and/or one handbook of EU Law, chosen among those more recently published.

Recommended bibliography:

A. Arnall and D. Chalmers (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of European Union Law*, O.U.P., 2015