



**Code: IUS/14**

**Credits: 9**

**Matter:** European Union Law

**Main language of instruction:** Italian

**Other language of instruction:** English

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**Objectives of the Course:**

The European Union Law course aims to offer advanced knowledge about the institutional set-up, the legislative activity and the areas of material competence of the European Union.

In particular, the European Union Law Course aims to provide the student with:

1. The adequate knowledge to understand and describe the rules governing the institutional functioning of the European Union;
2. The ability to understand and to adequately use the legal language;
3. The ability to understand and consult the main legal texts of the European Union;
4. The ability to use the legal tools required to access European and international careers or in public administrations or private companies with international projection.

**Course Structure:**

The Course is organized in nine subjects. The first subject is an introduction to European Union law and EU legal system, since it is about the origin and the evolution of the European integration. The second subject is about the European Union, the international organizations and “supranationality”, as well as the adaptation of national law to the European Union law. The third subject deals with the European Institutions, while the fourth one with the judicial system of the European Union. The fifth subject is about the sources of the European Union law. The sixth subject is about the internal market and the free circulation of the factors of production and the seventh is about the economic and monetary Union. The eighth subject is about the external action of the European Union; the ninth is about the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

**Competencies:**

At the end of the Course, students must have achieved the following skills, knowledge and competencies:

- Knowledge and understanding capacity: ability to analyze and understand the dynamics and working mechanisms of the legal system of the European Union and, in particular, its structure, institutional functioning, the regulatory system



(acts, legislative procedures), as well as the interactions between the right of European Union and the legal systems of the Member States.

- Applied knowledge and understanding capacity: ability to apply the institutions and principles of international law and European Union Law to the phenomena that characterize current legal affairs. In particular, ability to identify the European Union rule governing a specific case; ability to understand the regulatory effects with respect to national law; ability to apply the concepts learned to their professional fields.
- Autonomy of judgment: through the tools of general theory and methodology provided, the student will be able to acquire the ability to analyze the mechanisms that regulate the institutional apparatus of the European Union and the judicial, economic and political assessments that move it, thus strengthening its capacity for legal analysis to allow the formation of a free and informed judgment.
- Communication skills: at the end of the course the student will have enriched his legal language with the terminology proper to European Union law, he will have acquired the ability to communicate his knowledge of the EU system and to support his critical assessments with solid legal arguments.
- Learning ability: the student will have developed the ability to learn the contents of teaching as well as the capacity for critical analysis, also strengthening the ability to interact on the topics dealt with in an informed way.

### **Syllabus:**

#### ***Programme of the course:***

**Subject 1:** Origin and evolution of the European integration;

**Subject 2:** The European Union, international organizations and “supranationality”; the adaptation of national law to the European Union law;

**Subject 3:** The European Institutions;

**Subject 4:** The judicial system of the European Union;

**Subject 5:** The sources of the European Union law;

**Subject 6:** The internal market and the free circulation of the factors of production;

**Subject 7:** The economic and monetary Union;

**Subject 8:** The external action of the European Union;

**Subject 9:** The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

### **Evaluation system and criteria:**

The assessments of course is based on the following criteria:

**Final exam (100% of grade):** The exam in English for Erasmus incoming students consists of an **oral exam** held with the Professor in charge of the Course, in person at

the Rome headquarter of Unicusano University, with the Examination Commission assembled, on the dates scheduled for the oral exams.

(Erasmus students are reminded of the need to book for the chosen exam session via the University teaching platform "Sophia" when the dates are available).

### **Bibliography and resources:**

#### *1. Materials to consult:*

It is necessary to make constant reference to the Treaties in force and to the other normative and jurisprudential acts mentioned during the Course, available on EU institutional websites such as: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>; <https://curia.europa.eu>

#### *2. Recommended bibliography:*

Volume: “European Union law”, edited by Catherine Barnard and Steve Peers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023 (Available at Unicusano Library: Biblioteca “Ferdinando Catapano”) only the following chapters:

- 1: Introduction
- 2: Development of the EU
- 3: The EU's political institutions
- 4: Constitutionalism and the European Union
- 5: Legislating in the European Union
- 6: The effects of EU law in the national legal systems
- 7: EU law: is it international law?
- 8: General principles of EU law and EU administrative law
- 9: Fundamental rights in the European Union
- 10: Judicial protection before the Court of Justice of the European Union
- 11: The internal market and the philosophies of market integration
- 12: Free movement of goods
- 13: Free movement of natural persons and citizens
- 14: Free movement of legal persons and the provision of services
- 15: Free movement of capital
- 19: Economic and monetary union
- 26: EU external action