

Course Unit	European-Union Law	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2025/2026	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9242-317-1103-00-25		
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 60, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 20, O -

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. To understand the process of European integration, its motives, its objectives and its problems.
2. To understand how the European Union operates, its institutional system and its competences.
3. To understand the process of interaction between European Union law and the national law of member states.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Not applicable.

Course contents

1) Brief history of the Procedure for European Integration. 2) The institutional system of the European Union. 3) The European Union law. 4) The enforcement of European Union law.

Course contents (extended version)

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS
 - Conceptualisation and framework of the European Union and European Union law
 - Historical foundations of attempts at European integration
 - Creation of the European Communities and the stages of European construction until Treaty of Lisbon
2. THE EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM
 - The institutional system and its structural characteristics
 - Fundamental principles of institutional linkage
 - Institutions, agencies and organism of the European Union
3. THE EUROPEAN UNION LAW
 - Primary sources of EU law
 - Secondary sources of EU law
 - Case law of the EU Court of Justice
 - General principles of EU law
 - The relationship between EU law and the law of the Member States
4. ENFORCING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION LAW
 - The infringement proceeding
 - The action for annulment
 - The action for failure to act
 - The action for damages
 - The preliminary reference proceeding for EU Court of Justice

Recommended reading

1. Lucas, E. P. (2021). Lições de Direito da União Europeia, editor: Quid Juris
2. Machado, J. . E. M (2022). Direito da União Europeia, Editora: Gestlegal, 4ª edição
3. Mesquita, M. J. R. (2023). IDireito da União - História, Direito, Cidadania, Mercado interno e Concorrência. Coimbra: Almedina. 9ª edição Reimpressão
4. Borchardt, Klaus-Dieter (2016). O ABC do direito da União Europeia. Comissão Europeia.

Teaching and learning methods

The teaching methodology is based on oral presentation with audiovisual support, complemented by the analysis and discussion of primary and secondary sources of European Union law

Assessment methods

1. Continuous evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Presentations - 30% (Oral participation in the classroom. fipped classroom)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 35% (1st mid-term evaluation test)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 35% (2nd mid-term evaluation test)
2. Final evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Students on international mobility programs - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Practical Work - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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