

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** EU Law II
- **Code:** LLB18
- **ECTS:** 6
- **Hours per week:** 4
- **Academic Year:** 2nd
- **Teaching Period:** Spring Semester
- **Mode of Delivery:** Face-to-Face
- **Language of Instruction/Assessment:** English
- **Course Type:** Mandatory

2. Course Description

The European Union, now comprising 27 Member States, has evolved from relatively modest origins into an economic, social and political Union. The EU of today is comprised of a number of institutions which collectively possess a range of powers (or competences) to enact legal rules in policy areas that affect citizens' everyday lives. Therefore, an understanding of the European Union and its legal system is a crucial component of legal education in every Member State. Building on the EU Law I, this course will cover: the EU's rules on human rights; the EU's internal market; the rules on the free movement of goods/persons/capital/services; the preliminary reference procedure, the action for annulment, and EU Citizenship.

3. Keywords

European Union, Treaties, Preliminary Reference, Four Freedoms, Charter of Fundamentals Rights, Action for Annulment

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

1. critically discuss legal theories, principles, doctrines, values and rules which underpin the law of the European Union, including those of supremacy, direct effect, state liability and the relationship between EU and national law;
2. critically discuss the institutions and constitution of the European Union;
3. critically discuss the treaties and secondary legislation of the European Union, particularly legislation concerning the single market and free movement principles

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

4. communicate accurately and effectively, using a variety of media and technological resources whilst demonstrating care and accuracy in use of English and legal terminology, including terminology relating to the law framework of the European Union;
5. demonstrate a high level of ability to manage personal development by effective use of feedback, reflection, determination of needs, acquisition of knowledge and skills and collaborative working;
6. undertake self-directed research using a wide range of legal and other information sources, evaluating and selecting information based on reasoned criteria.

EVALUATING

7. Critically assess the effectiveness of legal rules or doctrines in achieving their stated objectives.

8. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of judicial reasoning in landmark decisions.
9. Assess the implications of proposed legal reforms from normative and practical perspectives.
10. Formulate a reasoned opinion on controversial legal or ethical questions using appropriate sources.

CREATING

11. Construct well-structured legal arguments in essays, position papers, or research projects.
12. Draft basic legal documents, such as contracts, pleadings, or legal memoranda.
13. Develop original legal hypotheses or research questions on topics of contemporary relevance.
14. Integrate doctrinal, theoretical, and empirical materials to propose innovative legal solutions.

5. General Skills to Be Acquired

- Apply knowledge in practice
- Retrieve, analyse, and synthesise data and information
- Adapt to new situations
- Make decisions
- Work in an international context
- Work in an interdisciplinary team
- Generate new research ideas
- Appreciate diversity and multiculturalism
- Respect the natural environment
- Be critical and self-critical
- Advance free, creative, and causative thinking

6. Course Content (Topics)

1. Actions before EU Courts (Part I): the preliminary reference procedure (Article 267 TFEU)
2. Actions before the EU Courts (Part II): Actions for annulment (Article 263 TFEU)
3. Actions before the EU Courts (Part III): Enforcement Proceedings (Articles 258-260 TFEU)
4. The Protection of Human Rights in the EU
5. The EU internal market: negative and positive market integration
6. The free movement of goods: fiscal barriers to trade
7. The free movement of goods: non-fiscal barriers to trade
8. The free movement of capital
9. The free movement of services
10. The free movement of workers
11. EU Citizenship
12. Seminar
13. Revision

7. Teaching Methods

- Lectures.
- Case law workshops.
- Student presentations and structured debate.
- Guided reading and legal reasoning exercises.

8. Assessment Methods

Method	Weight	Description
Final Written Exam	70%	Essay-type and case-based questions

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Mid-Term Assignment/Presentation	20%	Individual or group-based
Participation and Engagement	10%	Constructive attendance, preparedness, contribution

Note: A minimum final exam score of 50% is required to pass.

9. A. Ethics

Students are reminded that all submitted work must comply with the University's academic [integrity policy](#). Plagiarism or unauthorised collaboration will result in disciplinary measures.

B. Course Policies

- Attendance is strongly encouraged.
- All assignments must be submitted on time via the designated platform.
- Special accommodations will be made for students with documented learning or health needs in accordance with university policy.

10. Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- **Use in Teaching:** (e.g. digital slides, audiovisual aids, interactive tools like Mentimeter)
- **Use in Communication:** (e.g. E-learning platform, Zoom/Google Meet for office hours)
- **Digital Resources:** (e.g. online legal databases, podcasts, video lectures)

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- Databases

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HeinOnline Academic Core and Kluwer Law International Journal Library	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Beck-online PREMIUM	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
O.U.P Oxford Public International Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/

O.U.P Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Dalloz.fr	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
JURIS Zusatzmodul Hochschulen, BGB Staudinger Online	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Kluwer Law Online (30 journals)	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
IAReporter. Investment Arbitration Report	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Cambridge Core (Law)	https://www.cambridge.org/core/browse-subjects/law
EBSCO	https://research.ebsco.com/c/quc7ji/search/advanced/filters?autocorrect=y&isDashboardExpanded=true
ProQuest Central	https://www.proquest.com/central/topicpaths/AbiGlobal_business/0?accountid=8359#0
Springer link	https://link.springer.com/
Taylor & Francis e-books	https://www.taylorfrancis.com/search?subject=SC_LW
Taylor & Francis e-journals	https://www.tandfonline.com/subjects/law
The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926 (Gale)	https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=MOML&u=arist&cookieConsent=true&analyticsOptout=false&aty=ip
Wiley online Library	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/action/showPublications?startPage=&ConceptID=85