

Course number		U-LAS06 20011 LE41					
Course title (and course title in English)		Introduction to European Law-E2 Introduction to European Law-E2		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation		Graduate School of Law Associate Professor,KARAISKOS, Antonios	
Group		Humanities and Social Sciences		Field(Classification)		Jurisprudence, Politics and Economics(Issues)	
Language of instruction		English		Old group		Group A	
				Number of credits		2	
Number of weekly time blocks		1		Class style		Lecture (Face-to-face course)	
				Year/semesters		2025 • First semester	
Days and periods		Fri.3		Target year		2nd year students or above	
				Eligible students		For all majors	
(Students of Faculty of Law cannot take this course as liberal arts and general education course. Please register the course with your department.)							
[Overview and purpose of the course]							
<p>European law has many aspects. On the one hand, there are the various European states, each with their own legal system and legal tradition. On the other hand, the European Union has become an important factor in European politics, economy, and also law. Further, there are various projects which aim at harmonizing law in Europe.</p> <p>This course will give an overview of the various aspects of European law. Therefore, the first part of the course will give an introduction to the European Union, its history and legal framework. The second part will give an overview of the various European legal systems, their differences and what we can learn from comparative law studies. The third and final part will look at efforts in the harmonization and unification of law in Europe with a focus on private law.</p> <p>The course will give students ample opportunity to actively participate in discussions and case-solving.</p> <p>This course is thus helpful both for students who want to learn more about the European Union and integration in Europe from a legal perspective, as well as for students who intend to study any of the national laws of European states which today are closely interrelated with European Union law.</p>							
[Course objectives]							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting to know the European Union, its history, structure, and legal framework. - Learning about various European legal systems, their differences and what they have in common. - Getting familiar with comparative law and its methods. - Becoming able to discussing the benefits and problems of the harmonization of laws. 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>1 Introduction - What is European Law?</p> <p>Part I: European Union</p> <p>2 Introduction, development</p> <p>3 Institutions</p> <p>4 Competences, legislative process</p> <p>5 Implementation and effect of EU law</p> <p>6 Court of Justice of the European Union, European Citizenship</p> <p>7 Internal market</p> <p>8 Example - EU consumer protection law</p> <p>9 Brexit</p>							
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Part II: Private law systems in Europe

10 European legal systems

11 Case study: Formation of contract as an example

12 Interaction between legal systems - comparative law

Part III: Harmonization of laws within Europe

13 Harmonization of laws within Europe

14 Outlook - where is European law going?

15 Feedback

Note: the content above might be adjusted depending on the state of progress.

[Course requirements]

As the course requires a certain level of knowledge of academic English, it is addressed to students of second year and above.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a final written exam. Part of the exam questions will have to be answered in the form of a short essay.

[Textbooks]

Lecture materials and indication of further reading will be provided in class.

[References, etc.]

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Introduced during class

[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Will be indicated in class if necessary.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

Students may contact me by email for appointments or questions regarding the course.

[Essential courses]