

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 Professor, Gabriele Koziol	
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		Mon.4		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 layers of European law. The first part of the course will explore the differences and similarities between various European legal systems, the reasons behind them as well as their implications. The second part will give an introduction to the law of the European Union. The third and final part will examine the on-going convergence of laws in Europe as well as the costs and benefits of legal harmonization.</p> <p>The course will give students ample opportunity to actively participate in discussions and case-solving. 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"> - Learning about various European legal systems, their differences and what they have in common. - Getting to know the European Union, its history, structure, and legal framework. - Getting familiar with comparative law and its methods. - Learning about the benefits and problems of the harmonization of la 							
[Course schedule and contents)]							
<p>1 Introduction - What is European Law?</p> <p>2 The different layers of European law and how they interact</p> <p>3-5 European Legal Systems: case studies, differences and similarities, what are the reasons for and implications of differing rules in the various countries?</p> <p>6-12 Law of the European Union: competences of the EU, law-making process, effects and application of EU law, transformation into national law, the role of the European Court of Justice</p> <p>13-14 Convergence of laws in Europe: projects and tools of harmonization, costs and benefits of unification of law</p> <p>Final exam</p> <p>Feedback</p>							
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[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)]

Students might sometimes be asked to read short texts in preparation for class.

[Other information (office hours, etc.)]

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

[Essential courses]