

Table 5.2. Course Specification		
Study programme: First-cycle academic studies of the first level – Law		
Course title: Introduction to European Union Law		
Instructor(s): Jelena M. Vlajnić		
Course status: Compulsory, second year, fourth semester		
ECTS: 8		
Prerequisites: None		
Course Aim To master the foundations of the historical concept and origins of the European Union through the historical genesis of the European Community to the present day, with particular attention devoted to the study of the system and inter-functional interconnection of EU institutions, with the aim of acquiring the basic knowledge necessary in the process of harmonisation and accession to the EU.		
Learning Outcomes Upon passing the exam, the student acquires the basic knowledge enabling them to carry out work of an international character and to actively participate in the process of harmonisation and accession to the EU.		
Course Content <i>Theoretical instruction</i> The historical origins of the European Union. Treaties on the establishment and development of the European Community – the European Union. Legal regulation and sources of EU law, with particular reference to the Maastricht Treaty. Study of EU institutions in accordance with the Lisbon Treaty, with particular reference to the specific nature of the inter-functional interconnection of these institutions. Legal personality and its effect, as well as the problem of determining the legal nature of the EU. <i>Practical instruction</i> Acquainting students with secondary sources of EU law, particularly regulations, questions of absorption capacity, the prospects for enlargement or reorganisation of the Union itself. Drawing attention to practical problems in the functioning of EU institutions and the challenges currently facing the Union. Preparation for colloquia and the exam. Evaluation of teaching and analysis of its results.		
Literature Craig Paul, de Búrca Gráinne, EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials, Oxford University Press, 2020. Schütze Robert, An Introduction to European Law, Cambridge University Press, 2023. Ziller Jacques, Advanced Introduction to European Union Law, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023. Arnall Anthony, European Union Law: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press, 2017.		
Hours of active teaching:	Theoretical instruction: 60	Practical instruction: 30

Teaching Methods Lectures are held in a lecture hall with all students. Exercises are conducted in groups in classrooms: (1) as lecture-style exercises, where specific lecture topics are further developed; (2) as presentation-based exercises, where EU legal regulation and practical problems in the functioning of EU institutions are presented.
Knowledge Assessment (maximum points: 100)

Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during lectures	10	Written exam	-
Practical instruction	-	Oral exam	50
Colloquium(s)	30	...	-
Seminar(s)	10	-	-