# European Union Law

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide students with specialised knowledge of European Union law. After having illustrated the origins and developments of the European integration process, the course will explain the objectives of the Union, its institutional framework, its main functions and areas of competence, the sources of EU law, as well as the relationship between the European and the national legal systems.

*Intended learning outcomes*

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

At the end of the course, students will be able to understand the main features of the EU legal order, its institutional architecture and the dynamics at the basis of the integration process, with a focus on the tension between the supranational and the intergovernmental dimensions of the organisation. Furthermore, students will be able to describe the characteristics and the sources of EU law, and its relationship with national laws. Finally, they will be able to understand some of the most topical issues of EU law, such as the single market, the economic and monetary union and EU citizenship.

ABILITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

At the end of the course, students will be able to make full use of the legal terminology of the European Union law, and carry out a critical analysis of its sources and the case law of the European Court of Justice. In addition, students will be able to solve legal issues regarding the interaction between the EU legal framework and national laws. Finally, they will be able to study the EU policies from a legal perspective.

***COURSE CONTENT***

*1. General part: institutional profiles*

* Origins and developments of the process of European integration
* Characteristics of the European Union, founding values ​​and objectives
* The system of skills
* The institutional framework (institutions, bodies and agencies)
* The EU legal system and its sources
* EU law and domestic law
* The judicial protection of rights

*2. Special part: substantive law*

* EU citizenship
* The EU single market
* The Economic and Monetary Union

***READING LIST***

For the *general part*:

U. Draetta-F. Bestagno-A. Santini, *Elementi di diritto dell’Unione Europea - Parte istituzionale,* Giuffrè Francis Lefebvre, Editore, Milan, 2022, 7th ed.

*Students attending classes* will have to study the textbook mentioned above (according to the indications given by the lecturer), the notes taken during the lectures, and further material that will be made available on Blackboard.

*Students not attending classes* will have to study the whole textbook mentioned above, as well as chapter *I (Nozioni Generali),* chapterII *(La libera circolazione delle merci),* chapterIII *(La libera circolazione delle persone),* chapter X *(L’Unione economica e monetaria)*) of:

L. Daniele (edited by), *Diritto del mercato unico europeo e dello spazio di libertà, sicurezza e giustizia*, Giuffrè Editore, Milan, 2021.

For an adequate understanding of European Union law it is *necessary* to consult various sources, readily available online or collected in one of the codices available on the market.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Traditional "frontal" lectures will be supplemented with the examination of "materials" in class, aimed at illustrating course contents and requiring active student participation. A focus will also be on the online search for sources.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students *attending lectures* who wish to, may take the exam in the form of two oral tests, one at the end of the first part of the course and the other upon conclusion of the course itself. For students *not attending lectures* (and those attending lectures but who don't take or fail the interim test) the exam will take the form of a single oral exam.

Assessment will be out of thirty and will take into account students' level of knowledge of course topics, their critical understanding of the issues dealt with, their presentation skills and use of appropriate legal language.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Knowledge of English or French is a prerequisite for the year-1, year-2, and year-3 written assignments.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.