# European policy law

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

The course will provide students with knowledge, from a legal standpoint, of the most important policies of the European Union, both in the economic and social sphere, and within the framework of the so-called freedom, security and justice area.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will:

* know the legal bases on which the most important European Union policies are based as well as the main deeds of derived law and the most significant decisions of the European Court of Justice concerning these policies;

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will:

* be able to evaluate substantial aspects of the European integration process from a legal point of view. They will be able to critically examine the sources of European Union law and case law from the Court of Justice;
* have acquired a method that can also be applied to the study of Union policies that are not course content.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. The principles governing the delimitation and exercise of the EU competencies, and their classification.

2. The policies for the sustainable development of Europe:

– the economic dimension: internal market; economic and monetary union;

– the social dimension: the gradual construction of a social and employment policy (and the limits thereof) at European level;

– the environmental dimension: the EU environmental policy and its relationship with international environmental law.

3. The area of freedom, security and justice:

– the evolution from the ‘third pillar’ to the area of freedom, security and justice;

– the policies on border controls, asylum and immigration;

– judicial cooperation in civil matters;

– judicial cooperation in criminal matters;

– police cooperation.

***READING LIST***

E. Triggiani-U. Villani, *Comprendere l’Unione europea*, Cacucci Editore, Bari, 2022.

For students who attend the course, exam preparation is based on lecture notes supplemented with some parts of the above-mentioned textbook which will be indicated in class and further material will be made available on the Blackboard platform.

*Non-attending* students must study chapter III and the entire second part of the textbook (from chapter X to XXVI) as well as the material uploaded on the Blackboard platform under the heading ‘Study material for non attending students’.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course will be taught through lectures during which case studies of topics will be preferred as far as possible, as well as students’ active participation.

In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching and assessment will be carried out following procedures that will be promptly notified to students.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam will take place in a single oral exam: students will discuss one aspect of the policies for the sustainable development of Europe, as well as one aspect of the area of freedom, security and justice.

Assessment will be expressed in thirtieths and will take into consideration students’ level of knowledge and understanding of the course topics, together with the ability to present them during the exam, using appropriate terminology.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Knowledge of the institutional aspects of European Union Law is necessary in order to be able to follow the course well. A special pre-course will be organised for students who have not acquired that knowledge in their previous studies and detailed information in this regard will be published on Blackboard.

A good knowledge of English or French is required for the assignment of the degree thesis. In addition to theses written in Italian, the professor is available to follow theses written in one of these languages.

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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.