# European Union Law

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

The course will provide students with knowledge, from a legal standpoint, of the institutional aspects of the European Union.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will demonstrate knowledge of the institutions of the European Union and will be able to understand the ways in which they perform their functions. Students will also know general characteristics and specific sources of the Union's legal system, and will be able to understand the relationship between this legal system and that of the Member States.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to evaluate the process of European integration from a legal point of view. They will be able to critically examine the sources of European Union law and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of Union. They will also have acquired the necessary knowledge to be able to face the study of European Union policies in a legal perspective.

***COURSE CONTENT***

After illustrating the origins and the evolution of the European integration process, the course will analyse the current status of the European Union, with a focus on the following aspects: the general features and competences of the European Union; the composition and powers of political institutions; the sources of the EU legal order and its relationships with the law of the Member States (with reference to the Italian one); the structure and competences of the Court of Justice; the institutional profiles of the EU external action.

***READING LIST***

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

The study of the aforementioned manual must be integrated, in the case of attending students, with lecture notes and additional materials that will be made available on the Blackboard platform; in the case of non-attending students, by a second text which will be indicated at the beginning of the academic year on the Blackboard platform.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course will be taught through lectures, during which particular attention will be paid to examining the relevant legal sources (especially those of primary law: TEU,TFEU and the Charter of Fundamental Rights) and the most important rulings by the Court of Justice. The lectures will be complemented with exercises and conferences.

For attending students, a study visit will be organized at the Court of Justice of the European Union and/or other international organizations in Europe, within the limits of the availability of the receiving institutions.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students *attending lectures* may, if they so wish, sit the examination in two parts, both oral. The first part will take place in the period between the first and the second semester.

For students *not attending lectures* (and for attending students which don’t take or pass the intermediate exam) there will be a single oral exam.

The grade is represented by a mark out of thirty. Assessment will be based on the knowledge and understanding of the topics covered during lectures and on communication skills, also by using an appropriate terminology.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

For better understanding of the course, a knowledge of the basic concepts of law and the sources of the Italian legal system acquired with previous studies of public law is expected, such as knowledge.

A good knowledge of English or French is required for the assignment of three-year essays and dissertations. The lecturer is available to supervise also dissertations written in one of these languages in addition to those written in Italian.

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.