

Subject card

Subject name and code	European Union Law - auditorium classes, PG_00201776						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
Education level	uniform Master's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Department of European Law and Comparative Legal Studies -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marcin Michalak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		43.0	75
Subject objectives	The objective of the course is to deepen students' knowledge and practical skills in European Union law. Students will analyze and interpret EU legal acts, resolve case studies related to EU law, and develop legal argumentation skills in the European context. The course aims to prepare students for work in an international legal environment, with a focus on the practical application of EU law in various fields, such as the internal market, competition law, human rights protection, and sectoral policies of the European Union.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_UW04] can skilfully select and use professional methods and tools to obtain information on Polish and foreign law	The student possesses the ability to efficiently select and utilize professional methods and tools for obtaining information on Polish and foreign law. They can effectively navigate national and international legal databases, case law repositories, and legal literature, drawing from diverse sources such as legal information systems, official websites of national and EU institutions, and academic repositories. They are proficient in analyzing, selecting, and critically evaluating legal information, assessing its source credibility and relevance to legal problem-solving. The student demonstrates fluency in using research-supporting tools, including case law search systems and technologies that facilitate the analysis and comparison of legal regulations across different legal systems. Moreover, they can interpret and apply the collected information in both practical and theoretical contexts, adapting research methods to the specific legal issue at hand.	[SU6] demonstration of practical skills
	[PRAWOJ5_WG03] has an in-depth knowledge of the legal system, its evolution and the interrelationship between Polish law, European Union law and international law	The student possesses in-depth knowledge of the European Union legal system, including its sources, structure, and mechanisms of influence on national legal orders. They understand the principles of primacy, direct and indirect effect, and state liability for breaches of EU law, as well as their practical implications in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). They can analyze and interpret primary and secondary EU law, considering its hierarchy and the methods of implementation into national legal systems. The student is familiar with the mechanisms for ensuring compliance with EU law, including the preliminary ruling procedure, infringement proceedings, and legal remedies available to individuals and Member States. They understand the significance of CJEU case law in shaping the interpretation and application of EU law and its impact on national courts and public institutions. Furthermore, they have knowledge of the evolution of the EU legal system and its relationship with international and national law, as well as the challenges arising from the dynamic development of EU law and its implementation in the Member States.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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[PRAWOJ5_KR06] prepares responsibly for work, is able to set priorities and organise work accordingly	The student demonstrates a responsible approach to preparing for work, ensuring diligence and reliability in carrying out assigned tasks. They can accurately set priorities and efficiently organize their work, aligning their action plan with established goals and available resources. The student possesses time management skills, enabling them to fulfill their responsibilities effectively and complete tasks on schedule. Moreover, they recognize the importance of consistency and self-discipline in both academic and professional settings, contributing to the achievement of high-quality outcomes.	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_KO04] is ready to prepare his/her own social projects, including the preparation and implementation of projects co-financed by the European Union	The student is prepared to develop projects, including initiatives co-financed by the European Union. They have the ability to plan and organize project activities while considering legal aspects. They can identify social needs, select appropriate tools for their implementation, and apply for financial support for project execution. The student demonstrates teamwork and effective communication skills and understands the importance of monitoring and evaluating projects to achieve the intended outcomes.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task [SK6] demonstration of practical skills
[PRAWOJ5_UK07] has an in-depth ability to prepare oral presentations and written work in Polish and a foreign language in the field of law and related sciences	The student possesses advanced skills in preparing oral presentations and written works in the field of legal sciences. They can formulate coherent, logical, and precise legal arguments, adapting their style and structure to both academic and professional contexts. They are capable of effectively analyzing and interpreting legal acts, case law, and legal literature, synthesizing conclusions into well-structured and substantively sound written documents. The student is proficient in drafting various legal texts, including analyses, opinions, and essays, adhering to appropriate citation rules and formal standards required for legal writing. In oral communication, they can prepare and present legal arguments and academic presentations, effectively using legal terminology. They are able to engage in legal discussions and debates, adjusting their communication style to the audience and context. Furthermore, they demonstrate the ability to critically assess legal content and present it clearly in both written and oral form, enabling them to effectively participate in academic and professional environments.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task

Outline of the course divided into class units (European Union Law - exercises):**Introduction to European Union Law (class unit 1):**

- History and evolution of the EU.
- Founding treaties of the EU.

Principles and Values of EU Law (class unit 2):

- Fundamental principles and values of the EU: dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and human rights.
- European identity.

Principle of Conferral and Division of Competences (class unit 3):

- Exclusive, shared, supporting, and coordinating competences of the EU.
- Mechanisms for limiting and controlling EU competences.

Principle of Sincere Cooperation and Principle of Effectiveness (class unit 4):

- Role and significance of the principle of sincere cooperation between the EU and member states.
- Principle of effectiveness of EU law.

Principle of Supremacy of EU Law (class unit 5):

- Concept and significance of the principle of supremacy of EU law.
- Case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Principle of Direct Effect of EU Law (class unit 6):

- Concept of direct effect.
- Criteria and conditions for the direct effect of primary and secondary law.

Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) (class unit 7):

- Structure, functions, and role of the CJEU.
- Main principles of the CJEU's jurisprudence.

Application of EU Law in Member States (class unit 8):

- Direct application of EU law.
- Indirect application of EU law (requirement for consistent interpretation of national law).

Member State Liability for Breach of EU Law (class unit 9):

- Liability for damages due to failure to transpose a directive.
- Liability for legislative and administrative acts.

Citizenship of the European Union (class unit 10):

- Definition and rights of EU citizens.
- Right to free movement and residence.

Protection of Fundamental Rights in the EU (class unit 11):

- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.
- Relationship between the Charter and national law and other sources of fundamental rights.

Legislative Procedures of the EU (class unit 12):

- Ordinary legislative procedure and special legislative procedures.
- Role of EU institutions in the legislative process.

Significance of Supranational Law in the Context of National Law (class unit 13):

- Relationship between EU law and national law.
- Implementation and transposition of EU law in member states.

Role of CJEU Jurisprudence in the EU Legal Order (class unit 14):

- Key CJEU rulings.
- Analysis of selected cases.

Summary and Exam Preparation (class unit 15):

- Review of the most important course topics.
- Discussion of exam topics and case studies.

Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	presentation/project/report	0.0%	15.0%
	written or oral test	51.0%	65.0%
	oral presentation/discussion	0.0%	20.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Barcz, M. Górka, A. Wyrozumska (red.) - <i>Instytucje i Prawo Unii Europejskiej. Podręcznik dla kierunków prawa, zarządzania i administracji</i>, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa, 2023. 2. M.M Kenig-Witkowska, A. Łazowski, R. Ostrihansky - <i>Prawo instytucjonalne Unii Europejskiej</i>, C.H. Beck, Warszawa, 2019. 3. A. Zawidzka-Łojek, A. Łazowski (red.) - <i>Podręcznik Prawa Unii Europejskiej</i>, EuroPrawo, Warszawa, 2018. 4. Klaus-Dieter Borchardt - <i>ABC prawa Unii Europejskiej</i>, Urząd Publikacji Unii Europejskiej, Luksemburg, 2017. 	
	Supplementary literature	<p>Tomasz T. Koncewicz - <i>To Ensure that the Common Values and the Law are Observed: What to make of the value turn in the case law of the Court of Justice?</i>, European Law Blog, 2021</p> <p>Kai P. Purnhagen, Anniek de Ruijter, Mark L. Flear, Tamara K. Hervey, Alexia Herwig - <i>More Competences than You Knew? The Web of Health Competence for European Union Action in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2020.</p> <p>Koen Lenaerts, José A. Gutiérrez-Fons - <i>To Say What the Law of the EU Is: Methods of Interpretation and the European Court of Justice</i>, EUI AEL, 2013.</p> <p>Koen Lenaerts - <i>The Rule of Law and the Coherence of the Judicial System of the European Union</i>, Common Market Law Review, 2007.</p> <p>Koen Lenaerts, José A. Gutiérrez-Fons - <i>The Constitutional Allocation of Powers and General Principles of EU Law</i>, European Constitutional Law Review, 2020.</p> <p>Koen Lenaerts - <i>New Horizons for the Rule of Law Within the EU</i>, German Law Journal, 2019.</p>	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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