

Course Outline

Course number	RBE261				
Course title	EU-US Comparative Antitrust				
Credit points	1.5 ECTS (1 CP)				
Total hours	30				
Lecture hours	15				
Seminar and other hours	0				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	X	Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course aims at assessing the intricate differences in basic presumptions and reasons behind the creation of the two most important competition law systems in the world. Students will attain the insight into the reasons behind the different treatment of basic concepts in both jurisdictions with the systematic analysis of historical, economic, political and legislative factors. In addition, four of the more prominent “technical profiles” (dominance, vertical restraints, market concentration and state aids) and the different perception thereof will be analysed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will attain both theoretical and practical knowledge and expertise that will enable them to tackle the most complex antitrust issues in the ambit of world economy.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Exam	100%

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1	Historical developments of both systems, their main characteristics	3
2	Political economy of both systems	3
3	Analysis of differences in perception of certain core issues in competition law	8
4	Wrapping it all up	1

COURSE PLAN – SESSIONS

Session	Session subjects and readings	Lecture/seminar
1	Historical development of competition law	L
2	Modern EU competition law / Sherman Act - outset and development	L
3	US v EU – comparing the goals and functioning of both systems	L
4	Comparing the “technical profiles” – single firm dominance	L
5	Comparing the “technical profiles” – vertical restraints	L
6	Comparing the “technical profiles” - market concentration	L
7	Comparing the “technical profiles” – State Aid	L
8	Conclusions	L

COURSE LITERATURE

No.	Author, title, publisher
1	E. Thomas Sullivan, The Political Economy of the Sherman Act, Oxford University Press
2	Hovenkamp&Hovenkamp, The viability of antitrust price squeeze claims, 51 ARIZ. L. REV. 273 (2009)
3	Sidak, Abolishing The Price Squeeze As A Theory Of Antitrust Liability, Jnl of Competition Law & Economics Volume 4, Issue 2
4	Geradin, Petit, Price Discrimination Under Ec Competition Law: Another Antitrust Theory in Search of Limiting Principles
5	Additional materials will be disseminated in classroom