

## Course Outline

<b>Course number</b>	<b>RBA109</b>					
Course title	European Union Law					
Credit points	6 ECTS (4 CP)					
Total hours	60					
Lecture hours	30					
Seminar and other hours	30					
Course level	Bachelor					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>X</b>	Restricted elective		Free elective	

### COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Arnis Buka	Dr.iur.	Visiting Docent

### COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Arnis Buka	Dr.iur.	Visiting Docent
Edmunds Broks	Dr.iur.	Visiting Docent
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### COURSE ABSTRACT

Main aim of the course is to provide general overview on the EU law system and specifics of the application of the EU law. The course will include overview on both institutional and substantial aspects of the EU law. Methodology of the course is based on the studies of primary and secondary sources of the EU law (including also the case-law of the CJEU) as well as doctrinal sources.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course students are expected to achieve following results:

Knowledge:

- will identify role of the Member States in the EU and the influence of the EU law on Member States
- will know the basic principles of the EU and EU law system
- will recognize the role and influence of the EU law within the Latvian legal system

Skills:

- will be able to systematically analyze the functioning of the EU law and its application in the courts of the Member States
- will be able to argue and to present the opinion on the work of the EU institutions

- will be able on their own to debate on the contemporary problems of the EU law as well as on the EU law future development scenarios
- will recognize most important EU law terms in English.

### GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Exam	50%
Midterm Test	35%
Activity and quality of the participation during seminar sessions of the course	15%

### COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Introduction to the European Union: History and Enlargement	4
2	Institutional Law of the European Union	6
3	Procedural Actions, Enforcement and Remedies	8
4	Substantial Law of the European Union	12

### COURSE PLAN – SESSIONS

Main reading source for the course: Foster N. EU Law Directions. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford University Press, 2018. For particular sessions students will be required to read specific articles/court cases or to research internet resources independently.

Session	Session subjects and readings	Lecture/seminar
1	History of the EU. Joining and Leaving the EU. / Foster, pp.3-32; 38-39.	1 Lecture + 2 Seminars
2	EU in the Context: Other International Organizations. / ( <i>homepages of respective international organizations, to be specified in the lecture</i> )	1 Lecture + 1 Seminar
3	Institutions of the EU. / Foster, pp.41-71.	1 Lecture + 2 Seminar
4	Legal Acts of the EU. / Foster, pp.105-115; 122-128; 134-135.	1 Lecture
5	Understanding Judgements of the Court of Justice of the EU I / ( <i>sample judgments of the CJEU, to be specified before the session</i> )	1 Seminar
6	EU law in national courts: direct effect & supremacy / Foster, pp.203-222; 232-235.	1 Lecture + 1 Seminar
7	Court of Justice of the EU and its main functions: preliminary rulings procedure. / Foster, pp.163-184.	1 Lecture + 1 Seminar
8	Court of Justice of the EU and its main functions: enforcement procedure. / Foster, pp.185-202.	1 Seminar
9	Free Movement of Persons. / Foster, pp.334-401.	1 Lecture + 1

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		Seminar
10	Free Movement of Goods. / Foster, pp.281-333.	1 Lecture + 1 Seminar
11	Freedom to Provide Services and Right of Establishment	1 Lecture + 1 Seminar
12	State Liability in the EU Law. / Foster, pp.222-235.	1 Lecture
13	Understanding Judgements of the Court of Justice of the EU II / <i>(sample judgments of the CJEU, to be specified before the session)</i>	1 Seminar
14	EU Antidiscrimination Law I / Foster, pp.440-483.	2 Lectures + 1 Seminar
15	Guest Lectures	3 Lectures

#### **COURSE LITERATURE**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Author, title, publisher</b>
1	Foster N. EU Law Directions. 6 <sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford University Press, 2018.
2	Borchardt K.D. The ABC of the EU Law. European Commission, 2016.
3	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.
4	Treaty on the EU.