



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

### 3,324: European Law

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,324,1.00 European Law](#) -- Englisch -- [Planzer Simon](#)

#### Course information

##### Course prerequisites

None. Previous knowledge about the EU is not required. Similarly, students are not expected to have a perfect command of English.

##### Learning objectives

Students know the EU's legal order, its unique features and the key role that courts play in it.

##### Course content

This course provides an engaging introduction to European Law. Students explore the European legal landscape as a unique source of law that has in turn reflected on other legal orders in the world.

The main focus is on the European Union with other legal orders being touched upon, too (e.g., European Economic Area, European Convention on Human Rights, WTO, EU-CH agreements).

European politics and economic realities are heavily shaped by the EU and its legal order. In view of a successful career, students should familiarise themselves with the EU's unique legal system. Inter alia, the course highlights the means of enforcement that European citizens and companies enjoy as well as the important role that EU and EEA courts play.

The course follows a hands-on practical approach. Through court cases and real-life experiences, students learn about the concrete implications of EU law. The course further uses the Socratic teaching model, students are expected to carefully study the judgments and engage in discussion in class.

##### Course structure

The course takes place during the fall semester. It is a weekly course of 180 minutes, a combination of lectures, tutorial style case studies and much interaction.

##### Course literature

A reader will be made available electronically as the course proceeds. It will contain judgments, textbook excerpts and further materials.

##### Additional course information



In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in AS2020, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The lecturer informs via StudyNet or e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- There are no changes necessary to the examination information.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/1)

##### Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

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##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law

The use of aids is limited. Any additional aids permitted must be listed exhaustively in the section "Supplementary aids". The following generally applies:

- For this examination, all pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without marginal notes are admissible. All other pocket calculators models as well as electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication is inadmissible, as are all electronic devices that can be programmed and enable communication, such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobiles and so on.
- Students themselves are exclusively responsible for the procurement of aids.
- All official statutory texts in the four national languages and in the English translation by the Federal Chancellery as well as the official statutory texts of the Canton of St.Gallen are always admissible.
- Additional aids and private law text collections are only permitted if they are explicitly listed in "Supplementary aids". This is an exhaustive list. Any aids and texts of laws that are not listed are expressly inadmissible and will be collected without substitution – regardless of whether they are annotated, unannotated or annotated legal editions. The confiscation of a book (even if relevant to the examination) is no reason for an appeal or a subsequent alternative examination date.
- All admissible documents may be combined in the language and number of copies that the student wishes, unless otherwise stated under Supplementary aids.

The following preparation of legal texts is allowed:

- References to other law articles, including all names of laws and article numbers as they also appear in the admissible law texts (i.e.: art. 62 et seq. CO/art. 164 para. 1 lit. a FC/art. 25. para. 2 lit. a No 8 VAT Act/ art. 158 FC combined with art. 4 ParlA/art. 29 II FC, etc.); these references must be written in one of the national languages and/or in English.
- Annotations (i.e. underlining, circling; special symbols such as arrows, asterisks, etc.) with any type of pen, including highlighters in different colours. However, no individual letters may be marked, moreover, any other notes and comments



are prohibited.

- Index: self-adhesive page markers in the margin of individual texts of law are admissible; they must only bear the marginalia, titles, articles of the relevant page (i.e.: art. 141 FC: Optional Referendum or Title 5: State Authorities or art. 5 FC).
- Print-outs and copies of legal texts that are admissible according to the course and examination fact sheet (i.e. all official statutory texts issued by the Confederation, or the admitted private collections incl. table of contents and indexes), must correspond exactly to the original; the original source must be clearly discernible.

## Supplementary aids

One of the following:

- Printouts of the Treaty on European Union, Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, and the Charter of Fundamental Rights (that is, the consolidated versions after the Lisbon Treaty). The official version from the Official Journal of the EU will be made available in the virtual classroom.
- Blackstone's EU Treaties & Legislation, Nigel Foster (ed.), OUP, current or previous edition;
- EU Treaties and Legislation, Robert Schütze (ed.), CUP, current or previous edition;
- European Basic Treaties: Treaty on European Union, Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, Treaty of Lisbon, Van Ooik and Vandamme (eds), Kluwer, 2010.

## Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

All subjects covered in class (incl. tutorials), including the texts made available on studynet.

## Examination relevant literature

The texts made available on studynet (no later than 20 December 2020).

### Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 20 August 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 44 (Thursday, 29 October 2020).