



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2021

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 and indications of the learning and teaching design

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 AS2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course will be conducted online via Zoom; 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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Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law

The use of the examination aids is restricted. In addition to the principles set out in this section, other permitted examination aids must be listed exhaustively in the section "supplementary aids".

The following applies in principle:

- All calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series as well as monolingual or bilingual dictionaries (not specialised dictionaries) without hand written notes are accepted. All other calculator models and electronic dictionaries are not allowed;
- Furthermore, any kind of communication and all programmable and communication-capable electronic devices such as notebooks, tablets, mobile phones etc. are not permitted;
- The procurement of examination aids is the sole responsibility of the students;
- All official federal enactments in the four national languages and in the English translation of the Swiss Federal Chancellery as well as the official enactments of the Canton of St.Gallen are always permitted. The decrees that are required for the examination are listed under the heading "examination aids-rule";
- Additional examination aids and private collections of enactments are only permitted if they are explicitly listed in the examination aids-rule. This is an exhaustive list. Any private collections not listed are expressly prohibited and will be confiscated without substitution, regardless of whether they are commented, uncommented or annotated legal editions;
- Unless otherwise defined in the examination aids-rule, all permitted documents may be combined in any number and language.

The following preparation of the legal texts is permitted:

- References to other articles of the law, including all designations and numbers as they appear in the permitted legal texts (e.g: Art 62 ff. OR4 / Art. 164 para. 1 lit. a BV5 / Art. 25 para. 2 lit. a no. 8 MWSTG6 / Art. 158 BV in connection with Art. 4 ParlG7 / Art. 29 II BV etc.), these must be written in a national language and/or in English;
- Markings with any kind of pens including highlighters in different colours (e.g: underlining, encircling, special characters



like arrows, stars, etc.). Systematic marking of individual letters is not permitted, and all other notes and comments are also prohibited;

- Registers: Self-adhesive labels in the margin of the respective legal text are permitted, but they may only be used with the marginalia, titles, articles (e.g: Art. 141 BV: Optional referendum or 5th title: Federal authorities or Art. 5 BV) of the relevant page.

Print-outs and copies of legal texts approved (i.e. all official editions or permitted private collections including tables of contents and subject indexes) must correspond 1:1 to the original; the original source must be clearly traceable.

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

Examination content

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

This includes: EU and its legal order, European Economic Area, European Convention on Human Rights, WTO, EU-CH agreements, etc.

Examination relevant literature

The texts will be made available on Studynet (no later than 19 December 2021).



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, 26 August 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);

Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 8 November 2021).