



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2023

3,324: European Law

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

central - Analog written examination, Analog, Individual work individual grade (100%, 90 Min.)

Examination time: Lecture-free period

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,324,1.00 European Law](#) -- English -- [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



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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Analog written examination
Responsible for organisation	central
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Lecture-free period
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	100%
Duration	90 Min.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Closed Book for Examinations in Law

The use of aids is limited to the list below:

- any programmable electronic devices that are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, smartphones, headsets, additional screens, etc. are not admissible unless they are expressly required for the examination or have been admitted under supplementary aids by the faculty members in charge of the examination;
- any texts of edicts issued by the Confederation in the four national languages and in the English translation of the Swiss Federal Chancellery, as well as the official edicts issued by the Canton of St.Gallen are also admissible. For reasons of simplicity, those edicts from this admissible category which are required for the examination are listed under the heading "Supplementary aids";
- additional aids and private collections of law are only admissible if they are expressly listed under supplementary aids. The list is exhaustive. Any private collections that are not listed are expressly prohibited and will be confiscated without compensation – regardless of whether they are law editions that are commented, uncommented or annotated;
- unless defined otherwise under supplementary aids, any documents may be combined in any number and language;
- pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series as well as dictionaries without any handwritten notes are allowed.

The following preparation of legal texts is permitted:

- references to other legal articles, including all designations and numbers as they occur in the legal texts that are permitted (e.g. Arts 62 ff. CO / Art. 164(1)(a) FC / Art. 25(2)(a)(8) VAT Act / Art. 158 FC i.c.w. Art. 4 ParLA / Art. 29(II) FC, etc.). They must be written in a national language and/or in English;
- highlighting with any type of highlighter or marker pen in different colours (e.g. underlining or circling something, special characters such as arrows, asterisks, etc). The systematic highlighting of individual letters is prohibited, as are any other



notes and comments;

- tabs: self-adhesive tabs in the margin of individual legal texts are permitted but they must only bear marginalia, titles and articles (e.g. Art. 141 FC: Optional referendum or 5. Title: Federal Authorities or Art. 5 FC) of the corresponding page.

Print-outs and copies of admissible legal texts (i.e. all official editions or permitted private collections, including tables of contents and indices) must be identical with the original and must be able to be unequivocally assigned to a source.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

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 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 22 December 2023).



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, 24 August 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 16 October 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023).