**Tel Aviv University**

**European Studies Programme**

**Course**

**EU Law**



**SYLLABUS**

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Course Description and Contents

The course offers an introduction into the law of the European Union. It provides an overview of a) the institutional framework of the European Union; b) the EU’s legislative and decision-making processes; c) the application of EU law by the Court of Justice and national courts; d) the relationship between EU law and national law; e) legal aspects of the single market and the four freedoms; f) human rights in the EU.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Completing basic text readings prior to each class.
2. Each student has to conduct a presentation in our virtual classroom about one of the topics for this course. The students can choose one of the topics in the course outline or suggest a topic for a presentation to the instructor. The length of the presentation should be about 15-20 minutes. The presentation will account for 40% of the overall grading.
3. Until 1 February 2021 (deadline of TAU?), each student should submit a paper of about 2,000-2,500 words. The paper should address the same topic as the presentation. The paper will account for 60% of the overall grading.

**Course reading material:**

* Craig, Paul/de Búrca, Gráinne (2020): EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials, Seventh Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press
* Other resources and texts will be provided via Moodle.

**Course Outline:**

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| 21 October | **Introduction** |
| Introduction to the seminar and the topic of EU law; course requirements |
| 28 October | **The institutions of the European Union** |
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| 4 November | **Competences and legal instruments of the EU** |
| Presentation: What are the main legal and political differences and similarities between the EU and a state? |
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| 11 November | **The effect and application of EU law and the relationship between EU law and national law** |
| Presentation: Why have the European Court of Justice and some constitutional courts of the member states different opinions about the hierarchy of EU and national law? |
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| 18 November | **European legislation and decision-making processes (1)** |
| Presentation: How democratic is the legislative process in the EU? |
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| 25 November | **European legislation and decision-making processes (2)** |
| Presentation: How can the EU increase efficiency and transparency of its decision-making processes? |
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| 2 December | **Preliminary rulings and review of legality**  |
| Presentation: What role play national courts in the application of EU law? |
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| 9 December | **Enforcement actions against member states** |
| Presentation: What can the EU do when a member state violates EU law? |
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| 16 December | **The single market and the four freedoms** |
| Presentation: What are the fundamental legal principles of the free movement of goods? and/or What are the fundamental legal principles of the free movement of workers? |
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| 23 December | **The Area of Freedom, Security, and Justice** |
| Presentation: What rights does the EU citizenship provide? and/or What are advantages and disadvantages of the European Arrest Warrant? |
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| 30 December | **Human rights in the EU** |
| Presentation: What are the legal remedies of an EU citizen, if his/her human rights are violated? |
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| 6 January | **Equal treatment and non-discrimination** |
| Presentation: How does the EU protect minorities from discrimination through legislative acts and policies? (you can choose one minority as an example) |
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| 13 January | **Concluding session** |
| Revision and discussion of the main topics of the seminar |
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