

European Union Law Degree in Law – 2025/2026

Course

European Union Law (2nd semester)

Professor and respective teaching load in the course

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EN Class 2 – Gustavo Almeida Neves

EN Class 3 - Duarte Pedro

Teaching objectives (knowledge, skills and competences to be developed by students)

- acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the origins and development of the European construction process
- knowledge about the institutional structure and legal and political bases of the European Union (EU)
- ability to analyse problems relating to European integration
- knowledge and interpretation of EU normative texts, in particular institutional treaties
- critical reasoning, oral and written expression, collaborative skills

Contents

1. Origins and evolution of EU Law
2. The organizational structure of the EU
3. EU decision-making procedures
4. The sources of EU law
5. The link between the EU Law and the national legal systems
6. Scope and nature of EU competences
7. Economic integration in the EU
8. Rule of law and fundamental rights protection in EU Law

Demonstration of the coherence of the syllabus contents with the objectives of the course

The definition of contents, in the broad field of subjects covered by EU law, aims to provide students with an introductory and solid training in EU law, with a particular focus on internormative relations.

Teaching methodologies/Evaluation

Classes will include critical analysis of texts, decisions of EU courts, and resolution of problems.

Student participation is encouraged. For that purpose, specific readings will be indicated for each class. Discussion and

critical analysis of problems will be promoted in small groups of students and then discussed with the entire class.

Evaluation comprises the following features:

- case law comments and problem-based exercises in classes; and
- a written test at the end of semester.

Students who obtain a grade equal to or higher than 10 points are approved. Students who do not obtain such grade are admitted to a written exam.

Main bibliography

Basic Bibliography

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 - ___ *20 Anos de Jurisprudência da União sobre Casos Portugueses* (em coordenação com Luís Fernandes e Francisco Pereira Coutinho), Lisboa, MNE, ID, 2011.
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Other elements

- Treaties (Treaty of the European Union and Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union)
- Charter of the Fundamental Rights
- European case law (available at <http://www.curia.eu>)
- EU Law Live (open access): <https://eulawlive.com>