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## Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights (module 4)

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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## This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Teacher(s)	Cabrita Teresa ;Rizcallah Cecilia ;				
Language :	English				
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis				
Main themes	This course delves into the pivotal role played by the European Union in safeguarding fundamental rights and upholding the principles of the rule of law. While its origins were primarily rooted in economic cooperation, European integration has evolved over time to encompass broader political themes, which prominently feature issues related to fundamental rights and the rule of law.				
	Throughout this course, students gain an in-depth understanding of the European Union's actions in this sphere, examining both the internal mechanisms within the EU and the EU's external engagement on these critical matters. Given the dynamic and ever-evolving nature of this subject, the course places a strong emphasis on current developments and contemporary issues, ensuring that students are well-versed in the latest developments in this field.				
	After analysing the historical evolution of the European Union's actions in these areas, the course examines the distinctive aspects of its action in comparison to other international organisations such as the Council of Europe.				
	The course then delves into various thematic case studies, which provide practical insights into the real-world application of the EU's policies and principles in the protection of fundamental rights and the rule of law. Students will critically assess these cases, enhancing their ability to engage with contemporary challenges in this field and equipping them with valuable analytical skills for the study of EU affairs.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to:  • understand the multifaceted dimensions of the European Union's role in protecting fundamental rights and promoting the rule of law  • understand the tools available to the European Union for safeguarding these principles from a legal perspective  • critically assess the practical effectiveness and the real-world impact and implementation of these tools  • understand the legal framework within which the EU operates in the realm of fundamental rights and the rule of law  • contribute to informed discussions on the European Union's role in protecting and upholding the essential principles of the rule of law and fundamental rights				
Evaluation methods	Written exam				
Teaching methods	Ex cathedra classes based on powerpoints and readings, with in-class discussions and the application of knowledge to concrete practical cases				
Content	The course will focus on, from an internal and external perspective, : - The content of EU Values - The protection of fundamental rights by the EU - The protection of the rule of law by the EU - The value of democracy at EU level				
Faculty or entity in charge	IEEB				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in EU Studies	EUAB2M	5		Q.		