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5.00 credits 45.0 h + 9.0 h Q1

Language :	English				
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis				
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet. The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.				
Learning outcomes					
Evaluation methods	Assessment takes place in January and September. It consists of a written examination (3 hours) which includes a series of theoretical and practical questions on the subjects covered in the lectures and practical work. The consolidated treaties (TEU, TFEU), the Charter and the Protocols annexed to the treaties will be made available to students for the examination. Only article references will be allowed as annotation. An English-French dictionary may also be used.				
	The assessment criteria are as follows: mastery of the main concepts of the course, ability to argue, analyse and summarise, structure of the proposed reasoning. The examination will not assess the level of English language but will nevertheless take into account the quality and clarity of the writing. Part of the last class will be devoted to a question-and-answer session. A mock exam subject will also be solved collectively.				
Teaching methods	The lecture is mainly given ex cathedra, supported by a PowerPoint presentation. There will be periods for discussion with the students, based on the texts (mainly judicial decisions) that the students will have read and analysed prior to the course. Reading these texts is strongly recommended in order to understand the material and prepare for the exam as well as possible. Participation in the course is strongly encouraged. Course materials: Powerpoint presentations (sent before the course). For the first course, students				
	will be given the structure of the course and the readings to be done for each lesson. It is also recommended to consult the following textbook: M. Dawson and F. de Witte, EU Law and Governance (CUP 2022) Practical work: The lecture material may be supplemented by three tutorial sessions given by the course assistant.				
Content	The course is structured in two parts. The first one deals with the historical and constitutional foundations of the EU and its essential values and principles. This is followed by an examination of the sources of EU law and their hierarchy, as well as the authority of this law.				
	The second, shorter part will deal with substantive law in order to illustrate and enable students to integrate the first part in a practical way. This course will provide students with a clear understanding of the constitutional foundations of EU law and its institutional structure, as well as the way in which its judicial system operates and constantly shapes it. The case law of the Court will therefore be examined in relation to these developments.				
Inline resources	The consolidated Treaties (TEU, TFEU), the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Protocols annexed to the Treaties.				
Bibliography	 En plus du livre mentionné supra "EU Law and Governance de Dawson et de Witte, les étudiant peuven également consulter Robert Schütze, European Union Law (Cambridge University Press, 2021) et Rober Schütze, An Introduction to European Law (Oxford University Press, 2020). In addition to the above-mentioned book "EU Law and Governance" by Dawson and de Witte, students 				
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Other infos	For further information or to make an appointment, please contact me at Carinne.pochet@uclouvain.be				

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Faculty or entity in charge	DRTB

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Bachelor in Law (shift schedule)	DRDB1BA	5	BHDPO1220A AND BHDDR1110	٩			