

Course name: European company law

Number of credits: 4

Aims: The overall objective of the course is to provide a clear insight in the status of company law at the level of the European Union and the developments in this field with regard to further harmonisation of company law and some adjacent fields (tax law and law of capital markets).

Course objectives:

- To provide students with substantive knowledge of the European company law as well as prerequisites for its historical and ongoing development;
- To introduce students to the problems of effectiveness of implementation of the European company law;
- To assist students in development of critical thinking as regards the interaction between European and national law, conflicts of different fields of law and in identification of possible problems of these interplays.

Expected outcomes:

- detailed knowledge of the EU rules on company law and several adjacent areas (taxation, capital markets);
- improved critical thinking in analysis of European law and European integration;
- improved skills of critical and comparative analysis of legislation and case law;
- ability to apply the acquired theoretical knowledge to a range of contextual, real-life situations.

The **course syllabus** includes the following topics:

1. Cross-border mobility of companies in the EU;
2. Company formation rules;
3. Relevant questions of financial markets;
4. Structural changes;
5. Taxation of companies;
6. Supranational European company types;
7. Harmonisation of insolvency procedure.

Language of Instruction: English

Course Methodology:

Students are expected to devote about 8 hours per week for their autonomous work including forum, course interaction, course assignments while about 60% per cent of this time falls to studying the course materials.

The final grade shall be cumulative and calculated on the following basis:

- written assignments – 30%;
- active participation in forums, Wiki-articles creation and discussions – 20%;
- seminar participation – 20%;

- project defence and exam – 30%.

Status: the course is obligatory for master students of the programme “International and European law”.