

LLM IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW  
Academic year 2024-2025

**Course: EU External Relations Law**

- Number of ECTS credits: 6
- Semester: 1st
- Teaching staff: Frank Hoffmeister (course titular)
- Content:

The course focuses on the EU and its external relations from a legal point of view. The course starts with an overview of the internal procedures of the EU in engaging with third parties. Topics discussed are: the legal personality of the EU, EU diplomatic law, EU treaty making, the EU in international organizations and EU's usage of sanctions.

This allows students to acquire the necessary background knowledge to then apply these to different subject fields. The issue fields discussed in detail are common commercial policy, development and cooperation policy, neighborhood and enlargement policy and the common foreign and security policy of the EU.

The course then puts the developments in these fields in discussion with some more grand challenges, namely international law in the EU internal legal order and the contribution of the EU to the progressive development of international law.
- Learning outcomes:

The course is law in context. External relations have an important political context and content. The EU has framed all this in a stringent legal canvas. The objective and the challenge are that students having followed the course have a clear understanding of the legal structure and can translate and apply it to actual situations as they present them from year to year.