

LLM IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW  
Academic year 2024-2025

**Course: Policy-making and Interest Representation in the European Union**

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

This course aims to provide EuroMaster students (of all backgrounds and following both specializations) with a solid basis for pursuing their interest, be it in the economic aspects of European integration or in the political and social dimensions of the Union. The point of departure is that students need to acquire a solid enough basis in EU policy-making as to allow them to understand ANY development at the EU level. By the end of course, students should mainly:

- understand the basic principles of EU policy-making
  - know how the legal and institutional framework of the Union evolved over time, from the founding Treaties to the Treaty of Lisbon
  - have a thorough understanding of how law is made, implemented and enforced at the EU level
  - be comfortable in using the most essential EU-relevant legal and policy concepts
  - be familiar with the policy areas discussed in class
  - be able to follow and understand debates on policy developments in the EU
- Learning outcomes:

The student has interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding of

- selected state of the art theory, concepts, research and scientific debates on the European Union and its integration process
- the economic, political, legal and cultural evolution as well as the main challenges of the European integration process
- the EU's modes of governance, institutions, policy processes, practices and instruments

The student is familiar with the 'state – (civil) society' relations in the EU and is able to relate these relationships to theories, scientific literature and policy debates

The student develops in

- thinking conceptually and critically about developments and policy debates in and on the European union
- constructively challenging the fashionable and dominant theories and explanations about European integration
- constructing his/her own position independently and free of pre-dispositions
- to independently acquire further knowledge on and work with demanding issues on the European integration process, to act in a multi-cultural setting for the further development of a harmonious international society.