

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Law of the EU
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 40
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 160

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Lecture | 24 |
| Seminar | 10 |
| Workshop | 6 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | Essay | 2000 words essay | 50 | |
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Aims

*To convey and understanding of the fundamental doctrines of EU Law
To develop an appreciation of the nature of the EU Legal Order
To demonstrate how EU confers rights on citizens*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Discuss the roles of the EU Institutions in making and developing law
- 2 Critique the constitutional the structure of the EU edifice
- 3 Review the significance and application of EU legal principles
- 4 Consider the application of EU legal principles

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

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| 2000 words essay | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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Outline Syllabus

An indicative syllabus would be:

The EU Legal Order
The institutions of the EU
Democracy
Supremacy of EU Law
Fundamental Rights
Direct Effect
State Liability
Judicial Review
Preliminary Ruling Process

Learning Activities

The EU law module is delivered through a series of lectures, seminars and workshops over one semester. The workshops are designed to provide academic support to students (e.g. assessment guidance, assessment feedback, topic support, etc.) either face-to-face or via e-learning activities, as appropriate.

Notes

The European Union is a unique polity, the like of which has never been seen before or since its creation. Through the transfer of powers from the national governments of Member States to the institutions of the Union, a 'new legal order of international law' was created which established the principle of EU law primacy over national legislation in areas of EU competence (e.g. agriculture and fisheries, internal market, customs union, environment, transport, competition rules, etc.). In other words, Member States have accepted to come under the legal jurisdiction of the EU, its institutions and legislation in areas of transferred competence.

With the UK being a Member State of the Union since 1973, the evolution of the EU legal order is highly relevant and pertinent to our understanding of UK/EU relation and its consequences on the British legal system.

"European [Union] law is an integral part of the law of England and Wales. It can be relied on by, and enforced against, private individuals, small and large businesses, and governments and other public bodies. European law goes hand in hand with English and Welsh law in many different situations, such as employment rules, commercial activity, consumer rights, and protection of the environment. It has influenced the way in which law has developed and been applied within the United Kingdom, and has the ability to override aspects of national law." The Law Society

As it emerges that close to 10% of British legislation comes from Brussels and that the number of EU-inspired domestic laws is ever growing, UK solicitors and barristers increasingly find themselves having to advise their clients on EU law related matters. It is therefore important for students who wish to qualify and later practice to become better acquainted with the significance and application of EU law, and its influence and impact vis-à-vis domestic legislation. Finally, this module is also an opportunity for students to widen their awareness of European affairs, and further develop their initial perception of governance, democratic and citizenship issues at both domestic and European levels.