

Subject card

Subject name and code	Outline of European Union law - lecture, PG_00189545						
Field of study	Law in Sport						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject				2027/2028	
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group				Obligatory subject group in the field of study	
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery				at the university	
Year of study	2	Language of instruction				Polish	
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits				3.0	
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form				exam	
Conducting unit	Department of European Law and Comparative Legal Studies -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Marcin Michalak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		45.0	77
Subject objectives	<p>The aim of the course is to introduce students to the fundamental principles of the legal system of the European Union, its institutional structure, and its modes of operation. The course provides students with an understanding of the sources of EU law, the procedures for its adoption, and the mechanisms governing its application within the national legal orders of the Member States. Particular emphasis is placed on the principles of primacy and direct effect of EU law, as well as on the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in ensuring the uniform interpretation and application of Union law.</p> <p>The course also aims to highlight the relevance of EU law in areas essential to the functioning of sport, especially with regard to the free movement of persons, services and goods, the protection of competition, labour law issues, and the regulatory framework shaping the governance of sports organisations. Students will be introduced to landmark case law on sport, including key judgments of the Court of Justice and their impact on the sports market.</p> <p>By completing the course, students will acquire a solid foundation necessary for further study of EU law and will develop the ability to identify and analyse legal problems arising in the context of sporting activities within the European Union. The course prepares students to apply the <i>acquis</i> of EU law in professional settings related to the sports sector.</p>						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	<p>[PSPORTL3_W04] Knows and understands the key dilemmas related to the functioning of sports law, in particular with regard to the relationship between public and private law, between state regulations and internal regulations of sports organisations, and between sporting values and market requirements.</p>	<p>Knowledge: Upon completing the course, the student understands the key dilemmas arising within sports law in the context of European Union law. The student is familiar with the typical tensions between public regulation and the regulatory autonomy of sports organisations, and can explain how EU law affects the balance between these spheres. The student also understands conflicts between sporting values and the demands of the internal market, particularly in the areas of economic freedoms and competition law.</p> <p>Skills: The student is able to analyse situations in which EU public law limits or shapes the internal rules of sports organisations. The student can assess whether specific sports regulations comply with EU law and can identify common areas of conflict between sporting principles and internal market norms. The student is also able to use CJEU case law to address such dilemmas.</p> <p>Social competences: The student recognises the importance of balancing the autonomy of sports organisations with the obligation to comply with public law, including EU law. The student is aware of the complexity of regulatory dilemmas in sport and appreciates the significance of sporting values when confronted with economic pressures and internal market regulation.</p>	<p>[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task</p>

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	<p>[PSPORTL3_W02] Knows and understands, at an advanced level, the system of public authorities in Poland and in the European Union, as well as the mechanisms of the functioning of the international legal order, and the competences of public bodies and selected international organisations in the field of making and applying regulations relating to sport.</p>	<p>Knowledge: Upon completing the course, the student knows the fundamental principles of the EU legal system, including the institutional structure of the European Union and the sources of EU law. The student understands the mechanisms governing the application of EU law within national legal orders, particularly the principles of primacy, direct effect, and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The student can identify the areas in which EU law affects the functioning of sport, especially with regard to the internal market freedoms and competition law, and is familiar with the most important CJEU case law on sport.</p> <p>Skills: The student is able to analyse basic legal problems relating to EU law, particularly those concerning the sports sector, and to identify the relevant provisions applicable to specific situations. The student can interpret selected CJEU judgments and explain their significance for practical aspects of sporting activities. The student is also able to describe the relationship between EU law, national regulations, and the internal regulations of sports organisations.</p> <p>Social competences: The student is prepared to critically assess sports regulations in the context of EU law and recognises the importance of the uniform application of Union law in the sports sector. The student understands the role of EU institutions and international organisations in shaping the legal environment of sport and is aware of the practical consequences of their actions.</p>	<p>[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW5] implementation of a problem task</p>

Subject contents	<p>Introduction to European Union Law origins and development of European integration; legal nature of the European Union; fundamental concepts and principles of EU functioning.</p> <p>Institutional System of the EU European Council, Council of the EU, European Commission, European Parliament; role of the Court of Justice of the European Union; competences and interinstitutional relationships.</p> <p>Sources and Structure of EU Law primary law, secondary law, binding and non-binding acts; the role of soft law in the EU legal system; hierarchy and classification of EU legal acts.</p> <p>Principles Governing the Application of EU Law principle of primacy; direct effect and indirect effect; principle of sincere cooperation and state liability for breach of EU law.</p> <p>EU Law-Making Procedures legislative procedure; delegated and implementing acts; the role of consultations and impact assessments.</p> <p>Role of the CJEU in the EU Legal Order types of proceedings before the Court; preliminary reference procedure and its importance; selected landmark judgments shaping EU law.</p> <p>The Internal Market of the EU free movement of persons, services, goods, and capital; freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services; limitations to fundamental freedoms and their justification.</p> <p>EU Competition Law and the Sports Sector prohibition of anti-competitive agreements; abuse of dominant position; merger control; specific challenges of applying competition law to sports organisations.</p> <p>Autonomy of Sports Organisations and EU Law scope of permissible regulatory autonomy; relationship between public law and internal regulations of sports organisations; the impact of CJEU case law (e.g., Bosman, Meca-Medina).</p> <p>Sport in the Legal Framework of the EU treaty basis (Article 165 TFEU); EU objectives in the field of sport; issues concerning athletes, agents, and transfers under EU law.</p> <p>Practical Applications of EU Law in Sport analysis of selected case studies; impact of free movement of workers on athletes careers; regulatory restrictions and their assessment under EU law.</p> <p>Summary and Integration of Key Themes synthesis of the main issues discussed; current trends and challenges for EU law in the sports sector.</p>
Prerequisites and co-requisites	

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Class participation	0.0%	20.0%
	Problem-solving tasks	51.0%	10.0%
	Mid-term assessments	51.0%	10.0%
	Written exam	51.0%	60.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>Polish-language literature: B. Rischka-Słowik, <i>Konstytucja sportu w Unii Europejskiej</i>, Warsaw 2014. D. Kornobis-Romanowska (ed.), <i>Sport w prawie europejskim. Współczesne wyzwania dla teorii i praktyki</i>, Warsaw 2014. R. Kopczyk, <i>Zakaz dyskryminacji w sporcie w prawie Unii Europejskiej</i>, Warsaw 2013. T. T. Koncewicz, <i>Sport i prawo wspólnotowe (Orzeczenie TSWE w sprawie Lehtonen)</i>, Palestra 910/2000.</p> <p>English-language literature: R. Parrish, <i>Sports Law and Policy in the European Union</i>, Manchester University Press 2003. S. Weatherill, <i>Principles and Practice in EU Sports Law</i>, Oxford University Press 2017. S. Weatherill (ed.), <i>European Sports Law: Collected Papers</i>, T.M.C. Asser Press 2014.</p>	
	Supplementary literature	The supplementary reading list will be provided progressively during the course, depending on the topics discussed and the relevant source materials.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>Sample topics / questions / tasks</p> <p>Discuss the fundamental principles governing the EU legal system. Explain the role and competences of the main EU institutions. Distinguish between primary and secondary EU law. What is the principle of primacy of EU law and why is it important for national legal orders? Explain the principle of direct effect and provide examples of its application. Discuss the significance of the preliminary ruling procedure in the EU legal system. Analyse the impact of the free movement of workers on professional sport. Can the internal regulations of sports organisations restrict internal market freedoms? Justify your answer. Present the main findings of the Bosman judgment and its implications for the sports market. Assess whether a given sports regulation complies with EU competition law. Task: analyse a short case study involving a conflict between sports regulations and EU law.</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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