

Introduction to European Law

Theme/Topic:	European Law I – Basics of European (constitutional) Law
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Character:	obligatory
ECTS-Credits:	3 Credit-points
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Language:	English

Objective and course content:

Introduction into European Constitutional Law in general: Treaties or Constitution, the autonomy of European law, its relationship to national (constitutional) law, the pillar-structure of the EU and its abolition by the new Reform treaty, multilevel constitutionalism and the EU divided-power system. competences of the EU, institutions, decision-making procedures, legislative acts, in particular directives and their direct effect, methods and problems of implementation, liability of Member States for infringements, fundamental rights and the system of legal protection by national courts and the ECJ.

Bibliographical advice and links:

Koen Lenaerts/Pieter Van Nuffel, Constitutional Law of the European Union, 2nd ed. 2004

Ingolf Pernice, Multilevel Constitutionalism in the European Union” - WHI Paper 5/02

<http://www.whi-berlin.de/pernice-constitutionalism.htm>

Introductory paragraphs on the institutions and basics of European Law: EurLex-website

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/droit_communaute/droit_communaute.htm