

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Introduction to European Law

Theme/Topic:	European Law I – Basics of European (constitutional) Law
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Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	Lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshops, guided forum
Assessment methods:	Final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences:	Legal terminology, legal arguing, reading and understanding cases and judgments, thinking and arguing in transnational legal dimensions

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, 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:

Pernice, I., 2002. Multilevel Constitutionalism in the European Union. *WHI Paper*, 5/02.
Available: <https://www.rewi.hu-berlin.de/de/lf/oe/whi/publikationen/whi-papers/2002/whi-papero502.pdf/view>