

Module Title:	European Union Law 1
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	5
NFQ Level:	8
Module Delivered In	2 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Lectures - communication of knowledge and ideas from the lecturer to the student. Problem Solving Exercises - the students will work as part of a team and will work together to resolve various legal scenarios. Class Discussion/Debate - Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the class sessions which will develop their analytical and communication skills. E-Learning - It is envisaged that the module will be supported by online learning materials. Self-Direct Independent Learning - the emphasis on independent learning will develop strong and autonomous work and learning practices.
Module Aim:	To provide students with an understanding of (i) the Constitution and Institutions of the European Union and, in particular, the constitutional principles, the administrative and procedural law, and substantive law and policies of the European Union (ii) the relationship between European Union law and national law; the principles of supremacy and direct effect, and the principles of interpretation and State liability (iii) the role and jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice concerning enforcement, preliminary rulings and judicial review.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	An understanding of the historical economic and political development of the EU
LO2	Demonstrate an understanding of the constitutional framework, powers and decision making processes of the institutions of the EU
LO3	Demonstrate a sound understanding of substantive EU law, both conceptually and in application
LO4	Identify the relevance of EU law as an element in any dispute or potential litigation.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

History and development of the European Union

Early Development of the European Communities

The Institutions of the European Union: Composition and Powers

The Commission • The Council of Ministers • The European Council • The European Parliament • Other Institutions: The Court of Auditors; The Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee

European Union Lawmaking

Allocation of Legislative Procedures and Functions • European Union Legislation • EU Legislative Procedures • Enhanced Cooperation • Comitology • The Legislative Process and the 'Democratic Deficit'

The EU Judicial Order

The Court of Justice of the European Union (The Court of Justice, the General Court, The European Union Civil Service Tribunal) • Architecture EU Judicial Order • The Preliminary Reference Procedure

The Principle of Supremacy of EU Law

The Sovereignty of EU Law and Domestic Constitutional Settlements • The Primacy of EU Law: Substantive and Jurisdictional Conflicts • The Quality and Limits of EU Legal Authority • The Fidelity Principle

Fundamental Rights and General Principles of Law

The Development of General Principles • Relationship between the EU and the ECHR • EU Fundamental Rights Law • Standard of Protection of Fundamental Rights • EU Fundamental Rights Policy • Rules of Administrative Justice, Equality, Subsidiarity and Proportionality, Effectiveness, General Principles Applied to National Legislation • Governance

Rights and Remedies in National Courts

The Doctrine of Direct Effect • Indirect Effect • State Liability • Principle of 'Equivalence'

Direct Actions in the Court of Justice of the European Union

Enforcement actions against Member States • Enforcement actions by the Commission • Enforcement actions brought by Member States • Action for annulment • Action for failure to act • Plea of illegality • Non-contractual liability (EU liability in damages)

Assessment Breakdown

%

Continuous Assessment

100.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Essay	An essay on one or more substantive topics covered in this semester requiring broad reading, research, and analysis.	1,2,3,4	100.00	Week 12

No Project

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

Continuous Assessment

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No Project

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	Every Week	3.00
Independent Learning	Every Week	6.00
Total Hours		9.00

Workload: Part Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	Every Week	1.50
Total Hours		1.50

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BBLAW_B	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Business with Law	7	Elective
CW_HHLAW_B OLD	Honours Bachelor of Laws Degree - LLB	5	Mandatory