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| Name of course: **Introduction to EU Law** | **Credit value: 3** |
| **Course** **classification**: compulsory / optional |
| **The proportion of the practical nature of the course, „educational character”: 50/50** (credit%) |
| **Type of course:** theoretical / practical, and the **total number: 28 hours** in the given **semester.**Further (unique) means and properties of knowledge transfer:  |
| **Exam** type (colloquium / practical grade / **other** ): exam / practical course markFurther (unique) means of knowledge verification**: essay submission** |
| The curricular **place of the course** (which semester): semester 4 |
| Prerequisites (if any): **-**  |

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| **Course description: a brief, but informative description of the knowledge to be acquired (14 weeks).** |
| The lectures focus on the most topical issues of environmental, food and agricultural law (including non-binding documents) at universal and EU level. They cover both the current activities and the most relevant pieces of legislation of the selected environment, food and agriculture-related organisations.1. Introduction to law, and the history of the European integration
2. General Comment No. 12 on right to food and General Comment No. 15 on right to water
3. The European Council and the Council of the European Union, with special regards to AGRIFISH and ENVI Council configurations
4. The European Commission, with special emphasis on DG AGRI, DG ENVI and DG JRC
5. The European Parliament, and the Court of Justice of the European Union
6. Farm to Fork Strategy (For a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system)
7. The European Food Safety Authority and the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 on general principles and requirements of food law
8. Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
9. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market I.
10. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market II.
11. The EU’s Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
12. The organic farming in the EU and the EU organic logo
13. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
14. The European Environment Agency (EEA)
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| **Required and recommended reading:** |
| **Required reading:**1. David Langlet, *EU environmental law and policy*, Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2016, 386 p.2. Hope Johnson, *International agricultural law and policy: a rights-based approach to food security*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018, 368 p.3. Mary Jane Angelo and Anél Du Plessis (Eds.), *Research handbook on climate change and agricultural law,* Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017, 472 p.**Recommended reading:**Gert Wurtenberger; Paul van der Kooij; Bart Kiewiet; Martin Ekvad, *European Union Plant Variety Protection*, 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, 2021, ISBN: 9780192898234 |
| **Competencies to be acquired, related to the course:** |
| **a) Knowledge:** * sound knowledge of the most important international organisations and the EU institutions and bodies in the field of environment, food and agriculture
* the knowledge of the different legal, policy and scientific sources in relation to environment, food and agriculture at EU and international level

**b) Ability:*** ability to evaluate legal, policy and scientific documents regarding environment, food and agriculture based, among others, on their binding effect, geographical scope, the organisation who published them
* ability to carry out independent research regarding environment, food and agriculture by utilizing the databases and publications of a wide range of organisations

**c) Attitude:** * sensitivity to the complexity of food and agriculture-related issues, which often make it necessary to examine these topics by involving the three pillars of sustainable development, such as the environmental, social and economic pillars

**d) Autonomy and responsibility:*** ability to take into account the legal, ethical, social and economic considerations and consequences of environment, food and agriculture, which can often come up simultaneously
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| **Course leader** (name, post, academic degree): **Dr. Ágnes Bujdos, PhD, IP Lawyer** |
| **Other lecturer(s) involved in teaching the course, if any** (name, post, academic degree): **-** |