

Course title	<i>Introduction to EU Law and International Law</i>
Credits	6
University	University of Bologna (coordination), KU Leuven
Language of the course	English
Learning outcomes	LO1. understand the different disciplinary approaches to European Studies, including the way in which the different disciplines interact and enrich each other, so that they can grasp the richness of disciplinary perspectives on Europe and reflect on the added-value of multidisciplinary knowledge to understand Europe. LO2. have multidisciplinary knowledge on the fundamental aspects and values of the European Union and European integration as well as of European states and societies, which allows students to grasp the multi-dimensional issues, interests and ideas that are necessary to understand Europe as a political, economic, cultural and societal process in past and present times. LO3. be able to reflect on the role of Europe in the world, not the least by being equipped to grasp the complex multi-dimensional historical and contemporary relations between Europe and other countries, societies and regions and/or continents. LO4. be able to grasp the need for a general knowledge of different conceptual, theoretical and methodological perspectives to analyze and understand the European Union, and consequently: • use various conceptual frames, theoretical approaches and methodological tools, that attempt to provide answers to the fundamental and practical questions that the European project is confronted with; • utilize means of comparison to answer to which degree similarities and differences across Europe exist, and how they define Europe at large; LO5. have insight in European Studies as a multi-disciplinary field of scholarship and education, so that students are aware: • of the importance of the academic knowledge development of various disciplines that feed into the understanding and explanation of Europe; ▪ of utilizing the knowledge provided by these various disciplines, including their diverse conceptual, theoretical and methodological perspectives, in their own academic careers and/or professional work environments.

Course objectives	The course aims at analysing the legal dynamics of the international community and the main institutional elements of the process of European integration. The course elucidates the implications of international and EU institutional structures, the effects of international and EU law into national legal orders, and the interplay between States and international/EU institutions. Bringing together different perspectives, it will be shown how international and EU rules, while made entirely or in part by national governments and often addressed to them, can be of great relevance to individuals and to their interests.
Content	The course is composed of 26 lectures (2 hours each): 11 lectures on international law (Part I), 11 lectures on EU law (Part II), and 4 lectures on case studies, transversal to international and EU law (Part III). <u>Part I: International Law</u> 1. What is International Law: international law in historical and evolutionary perspectives, international law in social context, effectiveness of international rules: spontaneous observance and forced compliance 2. Subjects of International Law: definition of international law; subjectivity of States, International organizations, NGOs, Individuals and corporations; 3. Sources of International Law: treaty law, customary law, general principles of law; 4. Relationship between Sources of International Law: Succession of treaties, treaties and customary law; 5. Succession of States in International Law: Territorial changes, the <i>tabula rasa</i> rule, exceptions to the rule; 6. Elements of Law of International Organisations: variety of international organisations, institutional structure of international organisations, states within international organisations; 7. International Law in National Legal Systems: monism and dualism, international Law before domestic adjudicative bodies; 8. Breaching of International Law: State Responsibility, State liability; 9. The International Means of Dispute Settlement: Diplomatic Means, Adjudicative Means, Institutional Means; 10. Privileges and Immunities: privileges and immunities of States and international organisations;
Work format(s)	The course will be based on online lectures. To stimulate the participation of the students, each lecture makes use, as much as possible, of practical examples and case law, drawing from international law, EU law, as well as their application at the domestic level. Moreover, the final lectures of the course focus on case studies, addressing the interaction of international and EU law in practical cases.
Manner of assessment	Written exam during the exam period
Literature (required/recommended)	Anders Henriksen, <i>International Law</i>, OUP, 2019, 384 pages. Robert Schütze, <i>An Introduction to European Law</i>, OUP, 400 pages.