

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2023-2024 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION SUMMARY (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 374 Law of the European Union
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Eszter Bodnár
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2024
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduces students to the legal system of the European Union, the law making and judicial processes and a number of discrete areas where European Union law is particularly advanced, including external relations, competition, human and social rights, environmental law and free movement of goods, services, capital and persons. Review of historical and political context, emphasis on the founding Treaties, legal structure and instruments, case law and process.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The broad objective of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to explore the law of the European Union and obtain theoretical and practical knowledge. More specifically, by taking this course, students will:

- learn the basic legal framework and the core principles of the European Union;
- become familiar with the history, institutional framework, law making process, jurisprudence, and main policies of the European Union;
- study and critically evaluate the theoretical background and practical operation of the complex relationship between the European Union and its Member States;
- develop research and writing skills in EU law, as well as critical oral and written communication skills.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

A variety of teaching methods will be employed during the course including lectures, class discussion and interactive group exercises. The course may feature guest speakers.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

1. Research Paper (70%)

Each student will write a research paper that addresses a specific issue or theme covered in class. The paper is to be between 4,000 and 4,500 words (exclusive of footnotes). With the instructor's permission, a limited number of students may write their major research paper in this course. The paper must meet the Major Research Paper Requirement criteria outlined on pages 5-6 of the [Course Registration and Planning Guide](#).

2. Written Reflections on the reading materials (15%)

Each student will submit three short (800-1,000 words) written reflections on the course materials during the course of the term.

3. Course Participation (15%)

Students are generally expected to attend all classes, having read and thought about the required readings, and to contribute to making the classroom an inclusive and engaging environment.

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, law.studentservices@uvic.ca.