

<b>Identification</b>	<b>Subject (Code, title, credits)</b>	PSIR460: European Union Law, 6 ECTS
	<b>Department</b>	Political Science and Philosophy
	<b>Level</b>	Undergraduate
	<b>Term</b>	Spring 2026
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	<b>Office hours</b>	By appointment
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	
<b>Language</b>	English	
<b>Compulsory/Elective</b>	Compulsory	
<b>Required textbooks and course materials</b>	<p><b>Core readings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Publications Office of the European Union.</li> <li>• John McCormick, Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction, European Union Series, 2020</li> </ul> <p><b>Supplementary readings:</b></p> <p>Supplementary materials come from a broad as well as a multi-disciplinary range of academic articles and official documents. Students will be provided with these materials either in electronic form or in hard copies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris Turner, EU LAW- Key Cases, 2nd edition, Hodder Education, 2011</li> </ul>	
<b>Course outline</b>	<p>The course provides lectures on the evolution, structure, institutions, and sources of EU law, as well as the position of this body of law in the legal systems of the member states. It covers the nature of EU law, its interaction with the national sovereignty of member states, enforcement mechanisms of EU law, and the role of the supranational institutions in its uniform application. Additionally, the course explores the democratic legitimacy of the EU, and the impact of EU legal decisions on global governance, trade, and diplomacy.</p>	
<b>Course objectives</b>	<p>This course aims to provide students with a clear understanding of the European Union as a distinct legal order, including its institutional framework and the relationship between the EU and its Member States. It seeks to develop students’ ability to explain and apply the fundamental principles of EU law—such as conferral, primacy, direct effect, and effective judicial protection—and to assess the EU’s democratic foundations and system of fundamental rights protection. The course also aims to equip students to analyse selected case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and to apply EU legal principles to concrete and contemporary issues in EU governance and external relations.</p>	

<b>Learning outcomes</b>	After the completion of the course, students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand and critically evaluate institutional structure of the EU;</li> <li>• understand the fundamental principles of EU law and its evolution;</li> <li>• explain the relationship between EU law and national law;</li> <li>• feel confident to discuss and present on various issues of the EU;</li> <li>• develop presentation, debate and critical writing skills.</li> </ul>	
<b>Teaching methods</b>	Lecture           x Discussion       x Case analysis   x	
<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
	<b>Midterm written exam</b>	30
	<b>Final written exam (based on 100% of the content)</b>	40
	<b>Short academic paper and presentation</b>	15
	<b>Participation</b>	10
	<b>Group Discussion</b>	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>The course grade will be determined through active participation, case study Analysis and presentation, class discussions and written midterm and final examinations.</p> <p><b>Assessment:</b>          You are expected to:          -attend classes on a regular basis as the classes are conducted in a combined lecture/seminar format where students should play an active part.          -read the assigned and suggested readings before you come to class          -engage actively in classroom discussions          -offer thoughtful and informed classroom presentations and written work          -submit all your assignments on time          - follow assignments closely and carefully.</p> <p><b>Exams:</b>          The mid-term and final exams will consist of open-ended questions that assess students' understanding of the topics covered throughout the semester, including the articles assigned for discussions.</p> <p><b>General notes:</b>          Class attendance:          Students are required to comply with the attendance policy of Khazar University. Full-time students are expected to attend all classes unless they are sick or have the permission of the instructor (approved absence).          A student must submit an absence request in anticipation of an absence from the course. In case he/she fails to do so, his absence will be considered unapproved. Specifically, to be eligible for taking exams, students must not</p>	

	<p>miss more than 25% of class hours (unapproved absences). Otherwise, the student can take the exam only with the approval of the School Dean. Continuing unapproved absences or lack of participation may lead to withdrawal from the course.</p> <p><b>Academic misconduct</b></p> <p>Academic honesty plays an essential part in maintaining the integrity of Khazar University. Students are expected to recognize and uphold high standards of intellectual and academic integrity. The following acts are examples of academic dishonesty, therefore are strictly forbidden and will, if proven, be penalized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plagiarism,</li> <li>- cheating,</li> <li>- unauthorized collaboration,</li> <li>- falsification,</li> <li>- multiple submissions.</li> </ul> <p>Plagiarism is unethical in its nature and, thus, it is considered an <u>offence</u> under the University regulations. Please familiarise yourself with the regulations relating to plagiarism.</p> <p>Plagiarism is copying other people’s work without <u>proper</u> attribution. The students committing plagiarism and the students providing materials for plagiarising will automatically receive a zero (0%) for the course. Students must always indicate that they used someone else’s words and ideas if they have done so, by using quotation marks and mentioning the source in the text or a footnote. A bibliography must also follow the end of the paper.</p> <p><b>Rules of Professional Conduct</b></p> <p>The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unethical behaviors are strictly prohibited. Classroom behaviour that seriously interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to benefit from the course-related programme will not be tolerated. When a student’s behaviour in a class is so seriously disruptive as to compel immediate action, the instructor has the authority to remove a student from the class on an interim basis, pending an informal hearing on the behaviour.</p>	
<b>Schedule</b>		
<b>Date/Day</b> (subject to change if there a justified necessity)	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	The History of European Integration (1): <i>Foundations of Integration: The Post-War Vision and the Treaty of Paris</i>	John McCormick, Understanding the European Union: a concise

		introduction, European Union Series, 2020, pp. 1–22
<b>Week 2</b>	The History of European Integration (2): <i>Expanding the Economic Community: From the Rome Treaties to the Single Market</i>	John McCormick, Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction, European Union Series, 2020, pp. 23–44
<b>Week 3</b>	The History of European Integration (3): <i>The Path to Political Union: The Single European Act and the Maastricht Milestone</i>	John McCormick, Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction, European Union Series, 2020, 44–66
<b>Week 4</b>	FROM PARIS TO LISBON VIA ROME, MAASTRICHT, AMSTERDAM AND NICE	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, pp. 5–28
<b>Week 5</b>	FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, pp. 29–33
<b>Week 6</b>	THE METHODS FOR UNIFYING EUROPE and THE ‘CONSTITUTION’ OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, pp. 33– 62
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Midterm exam</b>	-
<b>Week 8</b>	THE INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union pp.62–89
<b>Week 9</b>	THE LEGAL ORDER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, pp. 89– 111
<b>Week 10</b>	THE LEGAL ORDER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union. pp. 111– 133
<b>Week 11</b>	THE POSITION OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW IN RELATION TO THE	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office

	LEGAL ORDER	of the European Union. pp. 133–147
<b>Week 12</b>	EU CASE-LAW - Nature and primacy of EU law	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61983CJ0014">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61983CJ0014</a>
<b>Week 13</b>	EU CASE-LAW - Powers of the EU	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61976CJ0003">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61976CJ0003</a>
<b>Week 14</b>	EU CASE-LAW - Effects of legal acts	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61974CJ0002">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61974CJ0002</a>
<b>Week 15</b>	EU CASE-LAW - Fundamental rights	Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2023) “The ABC of EU Law”, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61969CJ0029">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=C ELEX:61969CJ0029</a>
	<b>Final exam</b>	- The date of the Final Exam will be communicated to students well in advance by the Dean's Office.

Additional readings and assignments will be provided by the instructor for this course.  
*If necessary, some minor modifications may be made to this syllabus by the instructor.*