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LLB in European Law
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## **Course objectives**

The course aims at introducing students to the EU internal market and EU competition law as well as their interaction. After presenting the evolution of the internal market, the course provides students with the basic concepts that govern free movement in the Union and the different branches of EU competition law in light of the EU Treaties, secondary law and the CJEU's case-law.

## **Course Description**

The course will introduce students to the legal meaning and functioning of the EU internal market and competition law, and is divided into two main parts. The first one will focus on the four fundamental freedoms (free movement of goods, persons, services and capital), whereas the analysis of the EU citizenship will prove that the Union is no longer based on purely economic objectives. The second part of the course will examine competition law rules as the internal market requires free and fair competition between private actors in order to function properly. In particular, the lectures will focus on the competition rules concerning prohibition of anti-competitive agreements, prohibition of abuse of market power and regulation of mergers as well as those rules on State intervention in the market.

## **Course Outline**

- 1. Introduction: History and meaning of the internal market and its interaction with competition law
- 2. Free movement of goods (Articles 28–37 TFEU)
- 3. Freedom to provide services (Articles 56–62 TFEU)
- 4. Free movement of workers (Articles 45–48 TFEU) and establishment of natural and legal persons (Articles 49–55 TFEU)
- 5. EU citizenship (Articles 18–25 TFEU)
- 6. Free movement of capital and payments (Articles 63–66 TFEU)
- 7. Harmonisation other (non-regulatory) means for accomplishing the internal market
- 8. The external dimension of the internal market
- 9. The role of the EU institutions in competition law procedural aspects
- 10. Prohibition of anticompetitive agreements, decisions and concerted practices (Article 101 TFEU)
- 11. Prohibition of abusive practices (Article 102 TFEU)
- 12. EU merger regulation
- 13. State aid law (Articles 107-109 TFEU) and services of general economic interest (Article 106 TFEU)
- 14. Bringing everything together QAs

## **Educational Outcomes**

Students will become familiar with both substantive and procedural rules governing the EU internal market and EU competition law so that they will be able to distinguish different techniques of market integration, competition law branches, and the role of EU institutions. By the end of course, students will obtain a critical legal understanding of how the EU internal market and competition law function. At the same time, practice-oriented students will also acquire the required knowledge to tackle disputes on free movement and competition law at the EU and national level.

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Teaching Methodology	Discursive Lectures		
Evaluation			
	Final Exam	80 %	
	Course Participation	20 %	
	Total	100%	
Language	English		
Traineeship	No		
Location	Legraina		
General note	While the 'Course Objectives' and 'Educational Outcomes' above remain immutable, the 'Course Content' and 'Course Outline' may be altered in order to accommodate student's needs and individual professor's approaches. Bibliography and reading materials may vary accordingly.		