



Course title	EU banking law - the European Banking Union	
Course Code	Law411.2	
Category (core/elective)	Elective	
Level	LLM in EU Law	
Duration (semesters)	1	
Semester when taught (autumn/spring)	Spring	
ECTS:	7,5	
Access requirements	None	
Responsible	Professor Christos Gortsos	

Course objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the legal framework pertaining to the EU banking law

Course Description

The course will focus, firstly, on the definition and the evolution (especially in view of the recent (2007-2009) international financial crisis and the current eurozone fiscal crisis) of EU banking law. Then, the course will deal with the presentation of the provisions of the legal sources of EU banking law in force (some of which are still in the making), and in particular the provisions of:

- the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR),
- the Capital Requirements Directive IV (CRD IV),
- the Reorganisation and Winding-Up Directive,
- > the Directive on the Recovery and Resolution of credit institutions (BRRD), and
- the Directive on deposit guarantee schemes.

The aspects with regard to the creation of a Single Supervisory Mechanism, as well as a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund will also be discussed, alongside with the course on EMU Law.

Specific reference will also be made on the role of the European Banking Authority (EBA), an agency of outmost importance for the making of EU banking law, as well as to the Communications of the European Commission with regard to the state aid provided to EU credit institutions in the course of their recapitalisation by public funds.

Course Outline

PART ONE: INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

CHAPTER ONE: DEFINITION - HISTORICAL EVOLUTION

Section 1: Definition

Section 2: Historical evolution

CHAPTER TWO: THE LAW-MAKING PROCESSES - THE SOURCES

Section 1: The law-making process in general

A. Level 1

B. Level 2

C. Level 3

Section 2: In particular: law-making by the ECB

Section 3: The sources of EBL

CHAPTER THREE: INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

Section 1: The Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)

Section 2: The Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM)

Section 3: The European Banking Authority (EBA)

Section 4: The European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)

PART TWO: SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS

CHAPTER ONE: FREEDOMS IN THE BANKING SECTOR

Section 1: Freedom of establishment

Section 2: Freedom to provide services

CHAPTER TWO: STRUCTURAL ISSUES

CHAPTER THREE: PRUDENTIAL REGULATORY INTERVENTION:

Section 1: Authorisation

Section 2: Prudential regulation

Section 3: Prudential supervision

Section 4: Recovery and resolution planning

CHAPTER FOUR: CRISIS PREVENTION

Section 1: Early intervention - temporary administrator

Section 2: Write down and conversion powers

CHAPTER FIVE: CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Section 1: Recovery and resolution

Section 2: Winding-up

Section 3: Deposit guarantee schemes

Excursus: Recapitalisation by public funds

Educational Outcomes

Students should be able to have a solid understanding of the legal framework pertaining to EU banking law

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Teaching Methodology		
		12 x 2 = 24 h
	Lectures	6 x 2 = 12 h
	Tutorials	0 X Z = 12 11
		Total = 36 h
Evaluation		
	Final Exam	50%
	Course Participation	30%
	Paper(s)	20%
		100%
Language	English	
Traineeship	Yes	
Location	Athens	