



University of Szeged Faculty of Law

## Gateway: Central-European Legal Studies (GW-CELS)

### List of Courses

For the Training Term Starting September 1, 2014

#### Compulsory Courses

Course	Lecturer	Exam	Credit (according to ECTS)
English Methodology	Jeremy PARROTT	Practice	2
The European Union and European Policies	MEZEI Péter BÓKA János	Final Exam + Practice	4

#### Optional Courses

Course	Lecturer	Exam	Credit (according to ECTS)
Comparative Constitutional Law	BADÓ Attila Phillip J. CLOSIUS MEZEI Péter SULYOK Márton	Final Exam	3
Introduction to Industrial Relations	ROSSU Balázs	Final Exam	2
Introduction to the International, EU and Hungarian Social Security Law	HAJDÚ József	Final Exam	2
EU Competition Law	NAGY Csongor István	Final Exam	2
Freedom, Security and Justice in Europe	KARSAI Krisztina	Final Exam	2
Basics of International Law	SZALAI Anikó LÁZÁR Nóra Kata	Final Exam	2
Protection of Human Rights in Europe	Samantha CHEESMAN KRUSZLICZ Péter	Final Exam	2
Introduction to the Hungarian Public Administration Law	JÓZSA Zoltán	Final Exam	2
Evolution of the European Concept	FEJES Zsuzsanna PACZOLAY Péter	Final Exam	2
Project Management in the European Union	IMREH Szabolcs	Practice	2



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Drafting Legal Documents	senior U.S. lawyer (tbc)	Intensive course	2
Torts Law	FEKETE Norbert	Final Exam	2
Economic fundamentals of European integration	PELLE Anita	Final Exam	2

## Course Descriptions

### Compulsory courses

#### English Methodology

The practical course aims to introduce the legal terminology of major legal subjects covered by the lectures and seminars. The course assists students in understanding the methods of translating legal English texts with an opportunity to practice computer-assisted translation.

#### The European Union and European Policies

The course will present a broad picture of the European integration process including its theoretical foundations, history and achievements. Students will gain a basic understanding of EU institutions, their competences and functioning, the EU legal order and its effects on national legal systems. The most important EU policy areas and aspects of EU policy making as well as fundamental characteristics of EU politics will also be discussed.

Students will gain a good knowledge and understanding of the history and ever-changing objectives of European integration and the most significant theories explaining and analysing the process. They will be able to understand the EU as a functioning political entity, identify the major internal and external actors and follow decision making processes and policy cycles from agenda setting up to implementation. They will also be invited to a constructive dialogue on the future of the EU with a view to form their own position on key issues.

As a result, students will be able to find relevant primary and secondary sources on EU politics, policies and law and interpret them adequately. They will be able to apply key policy concepts and procedures and adapt them to their domestic environment. They will be able to interact with the EU and EU related actors on various issues. They will be able to contribute to the further development of an informed, constructive and effective approach to the EU in their native country, and engage in EU related debates at various



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venues. They will be able to use European integration as a reference point for framing regional integration processes in other geographic areas.

### Optional courses

#### Comparative Constitutional Law

Students will acquire a general understanding of the main characteristics of major legal systems, the concept of legal families and the most influential classification attempts. They will understand overall evolution trends within the major legal systems as well as forms of interaction and influence between them. Students will acquire a general understanding of the social, cultural and historical aspects determining the fundamental traits of legal systems. Students will be provided with the background necessary to understand the structure and functioning of their respective legal systems from a comparative point of view. They will gain a basic understanding of comparative legal methods and approaches that will enable them to engage in further comparative studies on their own.

#### Introduction to Industrial Relations

The course introduces the basic instruments and institutions of Industrial and Labor Relations and their use in different countries over the past two centuries till nowadays. Main topics of the course include: historical overview of the institutions of employees; Trade Unions and their rights to act in different countries; basic definitions and different types of Trade Unions; Trade Union confederations; institutions of the employers in different countries.

#### Introduction to the International, EU and Hungarian Social Security Law

The course mainly deals with the general characterization of social insurance and social assistance schemes, the development of health care and pension schemes in Hungary, and the present regulation of the Hungarian Social Security System. The course will address the basic facts of social security: social security and social assistance schemes, legal aspect of social security, entitlement, insured persons, financing of social security and social assistance schemes. The course also deals with the Hungarian regulation of social security: payment of contributions, contribution rate, benefits, amount of benefits, revalorisation of benefits, rules of procedure. In addition, the subject gives an overview on social coordination, including the most important definitions and historical development. The subject also highlights differences and similarities between European coordination of employability and different social security schemes.

#### EU Competition Law



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The course gives an introduction to the competition/antitrust of the EU. It covers the three traditional fields of antitrust (dominant position/monopolization, restrictive agreements, mergers), and (briefly) also provides an overview on the law of market liberalization. With the help of the course students will be able to understand the logics of competition law and analyze competition matters.

### Freedom, Security and Justice in Europe

After the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, European integration in the field of criminal justice (Area of Freedom, Security and Justice) gained new horizons: the new competences of the EU in this field promises new criminal policy on the European level. The course offers the possibility to understand the process leading to change in the following areas and with the following aims:

- Understanding the major contemporary debates and theoretical perspectives on freedom, justice and security in a European context.
- Transferring knowledge about the theoretic foundation of the FSJ area of the EU and about the institutional framework of the EU in the field of Judicial and Home Affairs and possible future developments.
- Getting familiar with the role and activity of the Court of the European Union in this field.
- To establish a general understanding of how European Law interacts with national criminal justice systems. Strengthening the comparative approaches in this field in favor of better analysis of the own legal structures.

### Basics of International Law

The aim of the course is to provide the students with the knowledge of the basic principles and sources of public international law. Students get a comprehensive overview of the legal side of international relations, especially with respect to the treaties and responsibility of states, and the international settlement of disputes. The course introduces the general concept of international organisations under public international law, their types, structures and competences. It also deals with major global and regional international organisations, their activities and impact on international law, international relations, global politics and policy making.

### Protection of Human Rights in Europe

The protection of human rights as a shared fundamental principle and a common constitutional value of the Member States of the EU is an essential part of every political system. Human rights are guaranteed in a multilevel system: by national constitutional law, by the Charter of European Union and also by the Council of Europe. This lecture provides key information on the origin of the concept of human rights and their historical



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evolution and importance. It discusses the different legal notions and related theories, presents the codification of fundamental rights and freedoms, and describes the complex system of their protection in Europe.

### Introduction to the Hungarian Public Administration Law

The lecture provides a chronological overview of the political, economic and legal changes that resulted in a radical transformation of the institutional and organizational structure of the Hungarian public administration since 1990. It starts with an investigation into the circumstances of the establishment of the Hungarian system of local government because in Hungary the development of a democratic sprang from local level. The course provides an overview of concepts on the reform of the mid-level of public administration (decentralized agencies) as well. In addition, the course takes into account the technical and political factors playing a role in the process. Finally, the course will analyze in detail how the change of government in every four years affects the system and the responsibilities of central agencies.

### Evolution of the European Concept

The aim of the course is to examine of the evaluation of the theories of the European identity and European concept in political science from the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The course introduces to the process of the evolution of the European concept, the European integration and the European Union. Federalism is based on the attempt of the state-organization and state-building of the North-American and European processes. The lecture presents the main elements of the relations of the European powers, the concepts of the European communities and European plans of peace, and attempts of the federal associations. On the basis of the above the Students can evaluate and analyze the main steps and stays of the Europe-plans and European concepts, and its effect to the thinking about the European community in the European history during the last centuries.

### Project Management in the European Union

The aim of this course is to provide students essential knowledge about project management. Students will learn and execute the basics of project proposal writing, teamwork and dissemination through a case study during the semester.

### Drafting Legal Documents

As part of the American Legal Expert training offer by our Faculty, this course will provide students with an understanding of the types of legal documents used in state and federal civil proceedings and how to draft them. In addition, the course will provide



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students with an understanding of legal terminology with their appropriate definitions and pronunciations.

### Torts Law

As part of the American Legal Expert training offer by our Faculty, this course covers in its first part intentional torts. Students can learn about methods of legal argument and the structure of legally protected interests. In the second section, the course focuses on the law of negligence, while also learning about the history of tort law, its connection to economic change and to particular political ideas about progress, justice, entitlement and so on. In the third section students will learn about the law of strict liability, focusing on products liability.

### Economic fundamentals of European integration

The very origin of the process of European integration was based on an economic cooperation between the Member State and on underlying basic economic theories. The progress of the integration process was guided by these economic aspects (common market, four freedoms, and monetary union). In order to understand EU law and the political basis of the integration, it is imperative to explain these different economic phenomena and the theories describing them. The lecture presents the different economic perspectives and explains, from its economic logic, the progress of European integration.