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| **COURSE INFORMATION** | | |
| **Course Name: Jean Monnet Module: Doha Courses on European Union Law / DCEUL – Course 1, component 2: The European Union: Legal History and Institutions**  **Semester: Spring 2021 Department: Legal Skills**  **College: College of Law** | |  |
| **Day and Time: Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 4-5pm**    **Classroom: Online** | | **Hours:** 9 hours  **Prerequisites**: Students who have done 30 credit hours already. |
| **COURSE DESCRIPTION** | | |
| This component of the course will focus on the European Union’s most important institutions and bodies, which help the European Union with its functions. Students will explore how member states delegate some of their decision-making powers to these and bodies. The course will focus, inter alia, on the following institutions: the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Court of Justice, the European Ombudsman, the Committee of Regions and the European Central Bank. Special emphasis will be places on the legislative process and the role played by the different institutions. | | |
| **JEAN MONNET MODULE** | | |
| The objectives of the Jean Monnet Module can be summarized as follows:  The Module aims to promote modern teaching modules that are offered by leading European universities with a view to improving the educational outcomes in Qatar. Qatar University as a national university with the largest share of students is the best place to apply and disseminate this state-of-the-art knowledge.  The Module aims to promote knowledge in the field of international organizations and integration using the European Union as a model, environmental protection and human rights, which are key pillars of QNV2030. The focus on the protection of the environment and human rights represents an important contribution towards promoting environmental and human rights issues in the Qatari society. Increasing education quality on the above issues will have important spill-overs on Qatari education and society.  The Module will contribute to the realization of the vision of a strong knowledge based society with capable and competitive workforce. It will improve the specificity and job-market relevance of education and, will inject relevant tools and emerging issues into current curricula. Therefore, education outcomes of students and capacities of educators on European Union issues and curricula design will be enhanced.  Experience from this Module will be up-scaled into other programs within Qatar University and beyond. | | |
| **FACULTY INFORMATION** | | |
| **Instructor:**  **Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis**  **Asst. Professor of International Law**  **Office Location:**  New Faculty Building, I03  **Office Hours**:  Monday, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  **Telephone: 4403 6519**  **E-Mail:**  [ikonstantinidis@qu.edu.qa](mailto:ikonstantinidis@qu.edu.qa) |  | |
| **REFERENCES AND LEARNING RESOURCES** | | |
| 1. **Key Textbooks (available at QU Library):**  * G. Robinson, *Optimize European Union Law,* London, Routledge, 2014. * C. Turner, *Unlocking EU Law*, London, Routledge, 4th ed., 2014. * M. Cremona (ed.), *Compliance and the Enforcement of EU Law*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2012. * A. Kaczorowska-Ireland, *European Union Law*, London, Routledge, 4th ed., 2016. * F. GoudappelErnst M.H and H. Ballin, *Democracy and Rule of Law in the European Union: Essays in Honour of Jaap W. de Zwaan*, Springer, 2016. * S. Morano-Foadi and J. Neller, *Fairhurst's Law of the European Union*, Pearson, 20th ed., 2018.  1. **Suggested Additional Resources:**   [**EuroVoc**](http://eurovoc.europa.eu/drupal/) is a multilingual, multidisciplinary thesaurus covering the activities of the EU. It contains terms in 23 EU languages. This thesaurus enables researches to search the relevant databases more effectively.  [**The European e-Justice Portal**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?action=home&plang=en) is a useful research tool providing information on justice systems - it is designed for the layperson, as well as lawyers, litigants and researchers. It links to [**EU**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_eu_case_law-12-en.do), [**member state**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_member_state_case_law-13-en.do) and [**international case law**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_international_case_law-150-en.do) and [**EU**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_eu_law-3-en.do), [**member state national**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_member_state_law-6-en.do) and [**international**](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_international_law-10-en.do) legislation.  The [**Europa**](http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm) platform (open access) includes the [**EU Bookshop**](http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/e-books-cbDyaep2OwDPcAAAFH2zdqoBpl/) which offers open access to a large quantity of documents including reports, newsletters, teaching tools and other documents on the history and current workings of the EU.     1. **Recommended Law Journals:**   E-journals on EU law held by the QU Library include:   * [**Columbia Journal of European law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=10766715)   vol 1 (1994) to current   * [**Common Market Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=01650750)   vol 1 (1963) to current   * [**European Business Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09596941)   vol 1 (1990) to current   * [**European Energy and Environmental Law Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=18793886)   vol 1 (1992) to current   * [**European Foreign Affairs Review**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=13846299)   vol 1 (1996) to current   * [**European Journal of International Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09385428)   vol 1 (1990) to current   * [**European Public Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=13543725)   vol 1 (1995) to current   * [**European Review of Private Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=09289801)   vol 1 (1993) to current   * [**Journal of Common Market Studies**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=00219886)   vol 1 (1962) to current   * [**Journal of European Consumer and Market Law**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=23644710)   vol 1 (2012) to current   * [**Journal of European Integration**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=07036337)   vol 1 (1977) to current   * [**Legal Issues of Economic Integration**](http://unimelb.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/sfxlcl41?sid=III:innopac&pid=id=15666573)   vol 1 (1974) to current   1. **Websites/Research Guides:**  * University of Oxford LibGuides - [**EU Law**](http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/law-eu) * Globalex Guides   + [**European Union Legal Materials: An Infrequent User's Guide**](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/European_Union1.html)   + [**European Union: A Guide to Tracing Working Documents**](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/European_Union_Travaux_Preparatoires1.htm) * [**A Guide to Researching EU Law**](http://blogs.loc.gov/law/2017/06/a-guide-to-researching-eu-law/?loclr=eaiclb) - from the Law Library of Congress * [**ASIL Electronic Resource Guide: European Union**](http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=eu) | | |

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| **course regulations** |

**Participation**

Class participation and attendance are important elements of every student’s learning experience at Qatar University, and the student is expected to attend all classes. A student should not miss more than 25% of the classes during a semester. **Attendance record begins on the first day of classes.**

In exceptional cases, the student, with the instructor’s prior permission, could be exempted from attending a class provided that the number of such occasions does not exceed the limit allowed by the University.

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| **CONtent distribution** |

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| WEEK | class TOPICs | Additional READINGs |
| **week 1** | Introduction to EU Institutions: The European Council, the Commission and the Council | Additional readings:   * A. Schout and A. Nunes, *The European Commission in Balance? Ambition, Organisation and Power*, Clingendael, 2019: <https://www.clingendael.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/The_European_Commission_in_Balance_October_2019.pdf> * F. Hayes-Renshaw, “The European Council and the Council of Ministers”, in *Developments in the European Union*, St. Martin’s Press, 1999, pp. 23-43.   Videos:   * The EU institutions explained by their Presidents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0diZ48_q7U> * The EU Council of Ministers explained: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-cRJr7mWw4> * The European Commission explained: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWpgO1EPO_Y> |
| **week 2** | The European Parliament, the Court of Justice of the European Union – Special Focus on the EU Legislative Process | Additional readings:   * O. Costa and N. Brack, “The Role of the European Parliament in Europe’s Integration and Parliamentarization Process”, in *Parliamentary Dimensions of Regionalization and Globalization: The Role of Inter-Parliamentary Institutions*, UK, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013, pp. 45-69.   Videos:   * The European Parliament in a nutshell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt84q2CBTPw> * How the Court works – the basics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIjyIj7RH1Q> |
| **week 3** | Other EU Institutions – Accountability and Transparency | Additional readings:   * R. Smits, “The European Central Bank: Institutional Aspects”, *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, vol. 45, n. 2, 2008, pp. 319-342.   Videos:   * Ever wondered what is the European Committee of the Regions?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGsUPwnRTs8> * ECB and the Eurosystem explained: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAlcFwGIQBg> |