

Incoming student mobility

Name of UNIOS University Unit: Faculty of Law

COURSES OFFERED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE FOR ERASMUS+ INDIVIDUAL INCOMING STUDENTS

General information COURSES OFFERED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE FACULTY OF LAW OSIJEK		
Lecturer	Lidija Šimunović	
Course	EU State Aid Law	
Study programme	Integrated	
Course status	Obligatory	
Way of taking course	in-class or/and online or/and hybrid	
Year	Summer semester	
ETCS and teaching	ECTS	6
	Hours weekly (L+P+S)	2

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
<i>1.1. Course objectives</i>
The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of EU State Aid Law, its legal framework, and its practical implications. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to: 1. Understand the legal framework governing State Aid within the European Union, including its objectives, principles, and enforcement mechanisms. 2. Analyze the concept of State Aid, its key elements, and the distinction between permissible and unlawful aid. 3. Examine the role of the European Commission in monitoring and controlling State Aid, including notification procedures and investigations. 4. Interpret relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and its impact on the development of State Aid rules. 5. Assess the compatibility of State Aid with the internal market and apply exemption rules under Articles 107(2) and 107(3) TFEU. 6. Understand sector-specific State Aid rules, particularly in transport, energy, banking, and crisis-related measures. 7. Evaluate the role of national courts in enforcing State Aid rules and the recovery of unlawful aid. 8. Develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of real-life cases, European Commission decisions, and academic discussions on State Aid policy. 9. Apply State Aid rules to practical scenarios and assess their impact on competition and economic development.
<i>1.2. Prerequisites for enrolment</i>
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<i>1.3. Learning outcomes:</i>
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to: 1. Understand the concept of EU State Aid Law scheme. 2. Analyze the legal framework governing state aid in the EU.

3. Assess the role of the European Commission and national courts in state aid control.
4. Apply state aid rules to real-life cases and evaluate compliance.
5. Critically discuss the impact of state aid regulation on competition and economic development.

1.4. Course description

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to EU State Aid Law, focusing on its legal framework, objectives, and enforcement mechanisms. It examines the fundamental principles governing State Aid, as outlined in Articles 107-109 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and explores the role of the European Commission in monitoring and controlling State Aid measures.

The course covers key concepts such as the definition of State Aid, general prohibitions, exemptions, and the notification and approval procedures. Special attention is given to sector-specific State Aid rules, particularly in areas such as energy, transport, banking, and crisis measures. Students will also analyze landmark cases from the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and recent Commission decisions, gaining insight into how State Aid rules are interpreted and applied in practice.

1.5. Course organisation

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| ☒ Lectures | ☐ individual tasks |
| ☐ seminars and workshops | ☐ multimedia and network |
| ☐ practical work | ☐ laboratory |
| ☒ long distance learning* | ☒ mentoring |
| ☐ field work | ☐ other |

1.6. Comments

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1.7. Student's obligations

Attending classes and individual tasks.

1.8. Monitoring student's work

Attendance	1	Active participation		Seminar		Experimental work	
Written exam	2	Oral exam		Essay	3	Research	
Project		Continuous assessment		Report		Practical work	
Portfolio				Presentation			

1.9. Evaluation and assessment of student's work during the course and on the final exam

STUDENT ACTIVITY *	ECTS	LEARNING OUTCOME **	TEACHING METHOD	EVALUATION METHOD	POINTS	
					min	max
Attendance	2		Discussion			
Active participation	1		Discussion			
Essay	1		Writing and researching activities			
Research	1		Writing and researching activities			
Final (oral or written exam)	1					
Total:	6					

Student is free to choose to take the exam through two colloquia or through the final exam.

Successfully passed colloquia completely replace the final exam!
<i>1.10. Mandatory reading (in the moment of study programme draft application)</i>
• Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) – Articles 107-109 • EU Regulations and Guidelines on State Aid, including: • Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1588 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 TFEU to certain categories of horizontal State aid • Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 (General Block Exemption Regulation – GBER) • Commission Guidelines on State Aid in various sectors such as energy, transport, research & development, and rescue & restructuring aid • Bacon, K. (2023). European Union Law of State Aid. Oxford University Press. • Hancher, L., Ottervanger, T., & Slot, P. (2020). EU State Aids. Sweet & Maxwell. • Nicolaides, P. (2021). State Aid Uncovered: Critical Analysis of Developments in State Aid 2020. Lexxion. • Quigley, C. (2015). European State Aid Law and Policy. Hart Publishing.
<i>1.11. Recommended reading (in the moment of study programme draft application)</i>
• EU Court of Justice and General Court case law on State Aid, available on EUR-Lex and Curia websites. • European Commission Decisions on State Aid, available on the Commission's State Aid Register. • Journal of European Competition Law & Practice – Articles on recent developments in State Aid Law.
<i>1.12. Method of monitoring the quality which enables acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences</i>
Continuous monitoring of student's activities.