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EU Environmental Law and Policy

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Study programme European Legal Studies		Didactic cycle 2024/25	
Speciality -		Subject code 10ELSS.18N.04852.24	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Lecture languages English	
Study level First-cycle programme		Course type Obligatory	
Study form Full-time		Block Subjects not assigned	
Education profile General academic			
Subject coordinator		Katarzyna Woźniak-Boińska, Justyna Goździewicz-Biechońska	
Lecturer		Justyna Goździewicz-Biechońska	
Period Semester 4		Activities and hours • Lecture: 30, Exam	Number of ECTS points 4

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	• providing the students with basic knowledge necessary to understand the present role of environmental law and policy in the European Union • providing the students with basic knowledge necessary to understand the scope of the application of the selected provisions of the European environmental law

Subject learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student:			
W1	is able to explain the specificity of EU policy and legal regulation in the field of environmental protection	ELS_K1_W02, ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W08, ELS_K1_W11	Written exam, Test
W2	knows the history and emergence of environmental protection (national, EU and international aspects)	ELS_K1_W02, ELS_K1_W05	Written exam, Test
W3	understands the basic sources of the EU environmental law and be able to research the current legal databases of the EU law	ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W11	Written exam, Test
W4	presents basic constructions of legal instruments for protection and management of environmental resources and justify their purpose	ELS_K1_W01, ELS_K1_W08, ELS_K1_W11	Written exam, Test
W5	is able to identify the institutions active in the EU in the field of environmental protection, both on the EU and national level	ELS_K1_W05, ELS_K1_W07, ELS_K1_W12	Written exam, Test
W6	is able to identify the practical aspects of theoretical concepts and adapt his/her legal interpretation skills in simple case studies	ELS_K1_W01, ELS_K1_W08, ELS_K1_W11	Written exam, Test
Skills - Student:			
U1	is able to explain the specificity of EU policy and legal regulation in the field of environmental protection	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U08	Written exam, Test
U2	knows the history and emergence of environmental protection (national, EU and international aspects)	ELS_K1_U03	Written exam, Test
U3	understands the basic sources of the EU environmental law and be able to research the current legal databases of the EU law	ELS_K1_U05, ELS_K1_U10	Written exam, Test
U4	presents basic constructions of legal instruments for protection and management of environmental resources and justify their purpose	ELS_K1_U07, ELS_K1_U08	Written exam, Test
U5	is able to identify the institutions active in the EU in the field of environmental protection, both on the EU and national level	ELS_K1_U02	Written exam, Test
U6	is able to identify the practical aspects of theoretical concepts and adapt his/her legal interpretation skills in simple case studies	ELS_K1_U06, ELS_K1_U07, ELS_K1_U09	Written exam, Test
Social competences - Student:			
K1	understands the basic sources of the EU environmental law and be able to research the current legal databases of the EU law	ELS_K1_K01, ELS_K1_K04	Written exam, Test
K2	is able to identify the institutions active in the EU in the field of environmental protection, both on the EU and national level	ELS_K1_K04	Written exam, Test
K3	is able to identify the practical aspects of theoretical concepts and adapt his/her legal interpretation skills in simple case studies	ELS_K1_K01, ELS_K1_K04	Written exam, Test

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Basic definitions and concepts (e.g. "environment", "environmental protection", "environmental problems")	W1, W2, U1, U2	Lecture
2.	EU environmental policy and law origins and evolutions	W2, U2	Lecture
3.	EU Treaties' basis for environmental policy (aims and principles)	W2, W3, U2, U3, K1	Lecture
4.	EU environmental law procedures	W2, W3, U2, U3, K1	Lecture
5.	access to environmental information and public participation in environmental decision-making in EU law	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
6.	EU instruments regarding biodiversity protection	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
7.	Environmental impact assessments in EU law	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
8.	Prevention and control of industrial emissions in EU law and policy	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
9.	Air protection and protection against environmental noise pollution in EU	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
10.	EU policy regarding water protection and management	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
11.	EU approach to waste management	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
12.	environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage, EU policy regarding chemicals	W3, W4, W6, U3, U4, U6, K1, K3	Lecture
13.	EU climate action	W2, W3, W4, W5, U2, U3, U4, U5, K1, K2, K3	Lecture

Additional information

Activities	Teaching and learning methods and activities
Lecture	Lecture with a multimedia presentation of selected issues, Discussion, Work with text, Case study

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	<p>excellent (A ; 5,0):</p> <p>a) excellent knowledge of EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection</p> <p>b) very good background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p> <p>very good (B+; 4,5):</p> <p>c) very good knowledge of EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection</p> <p>d) very good background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p> <p>good (B ; 4,0):</p> <p>a) good knowledge of EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection</p> <p>b) good background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p> <p>average (C+,3,5)</p> <p>a) average knowledge EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection</p> <p>b) average background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p> <p>satisfactory (C; 3,0):</p> <p>a) satisfactory knowledge EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection</p> <p>b) satisfactory background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p> <p>unsatisfactory (D ; 2,0):</p> <p>a) unsatisfactory knowledge of EU law and policy instruments in the field of environmental protection;</p> <p>c) unsatisfactory background for practical aspects of theoretical concepts and legal interpretation of EU environmental law and policy</p>

Literature

Obligatory

1. Dajczak W., Nieborak T., Wiliński P. (Eds.). (2021). Foundations of Law. The Polish Perspective, Wolters Kluwer. Haigh N., (2016). EU Environmental Policy. Its Journey to Centre Stage. Routledge. Kingston, S., Heyvaert, V., & Čavoški, A. (2017). European environmental law. Cambridge university press. Peeters, M., & Elia Antonio, M. (Eds.). (2020). Research handbook on EU environmental law. Edward Elgar Publishing. European Courts Judgements (Eur-Lex)

Calculation of ECTS points

Activities	Activity hours*
Lecture	30
Preparation for classes	30
Reading the indicated literature	30
Preparation for the exam	30
Student workload	Hours 120
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 4

* academic hour = 45 minutes

Efekty uczenia się dla kierunku

Kod	Treść
ELS_K1_K01	The graduate is ready to critically appraise his or her knowledge, particularly in the context of the changing acquis on the regulation and critical assessment of the acquired knowledge, especially in view of the changing acquis on the regulation and application of law
ELS_K1_K04	The graduate is ready to perform professional roles relating to the conduct of fundamental research activities and the development and application of European Union Law in a responsible manner
ELS_K1_U01	The graduate can interpret social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U02	The graduate can use the basic theoretical knowledge and independently procure data to analyse individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U03	The graduate can analyse the causes and course of individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U05	The graduate can use basic EU normative systems and selected norms, rules and regulations (legal, professional, moral) to solve a specific task
ELS_K1_U06	The graduate can use the knowledge gained to resolve dilemmas at work arising during their professional career as well as throughout pursued lifelong learning
ELS_K1_U07	The graduate can identify and analyse selected solution of specific individual problems and propose relevant resolutions
ELS_K1_U08	The graduate can identify and analyse the basic phenomena that occur in legal sciences and are related to European integration
ELS_K1_U09	The graduate can prepare and present (individually or as a member of a team) standard oral presentations on specific and detailed aspects of European law, using for that basic theoretical approaches and different source materials
ELS_K1_U10	The graduate can read with understanding, and be capable of preparing, standard texts in English on European Union law, pertaining to detailed issues or specific subjects, using basic theoretical approaches and source materials
ELS_K1_W01	The graduate knows and understands the foundations of the science of law and its relation to other sciences, including the processes of internalisation and regionalisation
ELS_K1_W02	The graduate knows and understands the basic assumptions of integration processes analysed on the example of the European Union, in the social, cultural and economic context
ELS_K1_W03	The graduate knows and understands the concept and scope of European Union law, including a deepened understanding of its sources approached in a systematic way
ELS_K1_W05	The graduate knows and understands the structure of the European law system against the background of its relations with international and national legal orders
ELS_K1_W07	The graduate knows and understands the main institutions of the European Union and the relationships among them, including their respective competences
ELS_K1_W08	The graduate knows and understands a deepened understanding of the competences (policies) of the European Union including the principles of the EU single market
ELS_K1_W11	The graduate knows and understands EU public law regulations, including criminal law, in selected sectors
ELS_K1_W12	The graduate knows and understands methods and tools, including techniques, of obtaining data on the existing EU legislation and related to it institutionalised structures