

# COURT OF JUSTICE. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Curso 2014/2015

(Código:26602514)

## 1.PRESENTACIÓN

ECTS: 5

1 semester

This course concerns the structure and functioning of European Union Courts which includes not only the study of the organs of this nature, but also their functioning in the European Multilevel system, which leads to interrelate their competences with those of European Union Member States courts, where appropriate.

The Court of Justice interprets EU law guaranteeing an uniform application in all EU Member States. Both, its composition and functions are complex but the establishment of a jurisdiction in the EU is one of its most important features. Through this course, students have to meet a knowledge of the jurisdictional structure in the European Union by studying the European Court of Justice: concept, structure and functions; the General Court: concept, structure and roles; and roles and relationships of both of them with internal organs of EU Member States.

## 2.CONTEXTUALIZACIÓN

This Official Master on the European Union offers students a high-level academic education that allows them to achieve optimum conditions to develop their professional and academic career. It is intended to provide students with a high-level training that will place them in optimal conditions to work in professional or academic environments.

The fundamental role of this type of degrees in European Union countries is a consequence of the central place a college education must have for a better understanding of the process of integration. For this reason, the different degrees in European Union Studies are a priority for the European institutions and Member States, among which UNED is not an exception.

## 3.REQUISITOS PREVIOS RECOMENDABLES

- a) Those established for the admission to the Master and specifically for the itinerary in English.
- b) For the analysis of foreign documents, knowledge of any of the official EU languages will be an asset.

c) Generally, in this Law speciality it is helpful if the student is familiar with the terms (glossary) that are commonly used in the European Union, which will allow more and better understanding of the information.

d) It is equally relevant in this course that students have basic computer skills, since such skills are needed to follow the course. Students need to access learning materials and other information through these systems.

#### 4.RESULTADOS DE APRENDIZAJE

The objectives to be achieved in the study of this subject are:

- a) Knowledge of the court structure in the European Union as a whole and each of its organs,
- b) Importance of the jurisdiction in the organization and functioning of the European Union,
- c) Relations between the European Union's jurisdiction and the jurisdiction of the Member States, with special reference to Spanish jurisdiction.

#### 5.CONTENIDOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

Programme:

- 1. Jurisdiction of the European Union
- 2. Legal nature of the Court of Justice and the General Court
- 3. Structure and composition of the Court of Justice and the General Court
- 4. Functions of the Court of Justice and the General Court
  - 4.1. Preliminary rulings
  - 4.2. Actions
    - 1. Relations between the Court of Justice of the European Union and Spanish courts
    - 2. Relations between the Court of Justice of the European Union and the Spanish Constitutional Court

#### 6.EQUIPO DOCENTE

- [M. YOLANDA GOMEZ SANCHEZ](#)

#### 7.METODOLOGÍA

This subject will be taught according to the distance education methodology that characterizes the UNED. Thus, students face a self-learning process but assisted by the teacher.

The education process is articulated through various communication distance learning systems.



Within these systems, the Master in European Union is provided with support in a virtual interactive platform where the student finds both basic materials and supplementary teaching materials, information, news, exercises and is also trained to perform the evaluation for different subjects. More specifically, the virtual platform will contain: legislation, case law, internet links, a glossary of terms, teaching materials, exercises.

## 8.BIBLIOGRAFÍA BÁSICA

Comentarios y anexos:

If necessary, the basic bibliography will be updated at the beginning of the academic year.

Main bibliography:

- Craig, P. and De Burca, G., EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., OxfordUniversityPress, 2011. Information on the book available at:  
<http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Law/EuropeanLaw/?view=usa&ci=9780199576999>
- Ricardo Alonso García, Sistema jurídico de la Unión Europea, edición de 2010.
- Tajadura Tejada, J. (coord.), Justicia Constitucional y Unión Europea, CEPC, Madrid, 2008.

English bibliography:

- Cartabia, M., The Italian Constitutional Court and the Relationship between the Italian Legal System and the European Community; 12 Mich.J. Int'l L. 173 (1990-1991).
- Cartabia, M., Europe and Rights: Taking Dialogue Seriously, European Constitutional Law Review (2009), 5 : pp 5-31.
- Horspool, M., European Union Law, OxfordUniversityPress, 2006.
- Kumm, M., The Jurisprudence of Constitutional Conflict: Constitutional Supremacy in Europe before and after the Constitutional Treaty, European Law Journal, Volume 11, Issue 3, pages 262-307, May 2005.
- Oppenheimer, A. (ed.), The Relationship between European Community Law and National Law, Cambridge University Press, 2003 (2 volumes).
- Pollicino, O., The New Relationship between National and the European Courts after the Enlargement of Europe: Towards a Unitary Theory of Jurisprudential Supranational Law?, 2. Yearbook of European Law (2010) 29 (1): 65-111. doi: 10.1093/yel/29.1.65,  
<http://yel.oxfordjournals.org/content/29/1/65.full>
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<http://aei.pitt.edu/8162/1/Stiermstromfinal.pdf>
- Von Bogdandy, A., Pluralism, direct effect, and the ultimate say: On the relationship between international and domestic constitutional law. Int J Constitutional Law (2008) 6 (3-4): 397-413.

Spanish bibliography:

- Aguilar Calahorra, A., La primera cuestión prejudicial planteada por el Tribunal Constitucional al Tribunal de Justicia de la Unión Europea – Auto del Tribunal Constitucional 86/2011, de 9 de junio, Revista de Derecho Constitucional Europeo, núm. 16, 2011,  
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- Alonso García, R., El Juez español y el Derecho Comunitario, CGPJ, Madrid, 2003.
- Azpitarte Sánchez, M., El Tribunal Constitucional ante el control del Derecho comunitario derivado, Civitas, Madrid, 2002.
- Elías Méndez, C., La jurisdicción constitucional en los Estados miembros de la Unión Europea, Revista de Derecho Constitucional Europeo, nº 16, 2011,



<http://www.ugr.es/~redce/REDCE16/articulos/01CElias.htm>

- Ragone, S., Las relaciones de los Tribunales Constitucionales de los Estados miembros con el Tribunal de Justicia y con el Tribunal Europeo de Derechos Humanos: una propuesta de clasificación, Revista de Derecho Constitucional Europeo, núm. 16, 2011, <http://www.ugr.es/~redce/REDCE16/articulos/02SRagone.htm>
- Vidal Prado, C., El impacto del nuevo Derecho europeo en los Tribunales constitucionales, Colex, Madrid, 2004.
- [Comentarios y anexos](#)

It is recommended to consult the following texts:

- European Union Treaties (in force)
- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU
- Secondary Law
- Case Law
- Spanish Constitution
- Organic Law of the Constitutional Court
- Organic Law of the Judicial Power
- Other legislation and documentation

## 9. BIBLIOGRAFÍA COMPLEMENTARIA

Comentarios y anexos:

See "Main bibliography"

## 10. RECURSOS DE APOYO AL ESTUDIO

On-line course: The course will be conducted on-line. On-line tutorials will be the basic form of interaction between students and the teaching staff. Access to learning materials, submission of essays and other documents, and communication between course actors will take place through the specific on-line channel designed and maintained for the course.

Main links:

- European glossary

[http://europa.eu/legislation\\_summaries/glossary/](http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/glossary/)

- BOE (Boletín oficial del Estado)

<http://www.boe.es/g/es/>

- [El Gobierno Informa \(España\):](#)

<http://www.la-moncloa.es>

- [Congreso de los Diputados de España:](#)

<http://www.congreso.es>

- [Senado de España:](#)

<http://www.senado.es>



- Centro de Documentación del Colegio Europeo de Brujas

BEDE. Boletín Electrónico de Documentación Europea:

<http://euro.ucl.ac.be/bede/>

- Consejo de Estado:

<http://www.consejo-estado.es>

- Consejo General del Poder Judicial:

<http://www.poderjudicial.es>

- Tribunal Constitucional

<http://www.tribunalconstitucional.es/>

- Tribunal Supremo

<http://www.poderjudicial.es/eversuite/GetRecords?Template=cgpi/ts/principal.htm>

- Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales:

<http://www.cepc.es>

- Organización Nacional de Naciones Unidas

<http://www.un.org/spanish/>

- Consejo de Europa

<http://www.coe.int/>

- Unión Europea

[http://europa.eu/index\\_es.htm](http://europa.eu/index_es.htm)

- Tribunal de Justicia de las Comunidades Europeas

<http://curia.europa.eu/es/index.htm>

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## 12.EVALUACIÓN DE LOS APRENDIZAJES

The specific methodology of UNED allows students to be evaluated through presential exams performed in the network of Associate Centers of UNED in Spain and abroad, or to be evaluated at "distance" through the virtual platform that provides support to education.

Accordingly, the teaching team determines each academic year under the rules adopted by the UNED, the student's assessment of the subject, by one or more of the following systems:

- a) In person through tests performed in the associated centers of UNED.
- b) Conduct of a research.
- c) On-line test.
- d) Writing of essays.
- e) Case Studies.
- f) Analysis of case law.

The day and time of assessment exercises will be announced with, at least, two weeks in advance on all platform.

If the student does not realize the exercise in time to enable it or does not get the minimum of 5 points, he/she may be presented to the September resit but he/she will not be able to recover during the semester.

## 13.COLABORADORES DOCENTES

- JOAQUIN SARRION ESTEVE

