



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2003/2004

GRA 5915 EU policy: Competition Policy and Regulation

Program

Responsible for the course

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Department

Public Governance

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

This is the School's first of three more advanced European Union course. It requires little previous knowledge, but students that have not attended GRA 5912 or a similar introductory EU course may find it useful to consult Nugent's *The Government and Politics of the European Union* (2003). The course may be taken separately, or as one of four courses in the Minor on the European Union. The focus is on the EU's policies and regulation.

Objective

This course assumes some knowledge of the workings of the EU, and provides more in-depth analysis of the Single European Market and its core policies. It covers EU competition policy, the key tool for regulating the single market, and regulation, liberalisation and de-regulation in the European Union. Three broad sectors are the subject of through analysis, the ICT sector (telecoms, communications and the media), the energy sector (oil, gas and electricity) and financial services and capital markets. Evaluation is by way of individual research papers and assessment based on in-class presentations. The course is designed as a component in the four-course EU Minor, which includes the introductory course on EU Institutions & the Single European Market and advanced courses on lobbying in the EU and the European Economic Area & Enlargement, but it may be taken as a stand-alone course.

Prerequisites

The course assumes some knowledge of the workings of the EU through GRA 5912 the New Europe: EU Institutions and the Single Market or a similar course. Students may apply to be admitted without this formal background, but are then recommended to consult Nugent's *The Government and Politics of the European Union* (2003) or similar literature (see GRA 5912 course description).

Compulsory literature

Andersen, Svein S. and Kjell A. Eliassen, eds. 2001. *Making policy in Europe: The Europeanization of National Policy-Making*. 2nd ed. London: Sage.

El-Agraa, Ali M. ed. 2001. *The European Union: Economics and Policies*. 6th ed. New York: Prentice Hall.

Compendium of Recent Journal Articles

Recommended literature

Artis, Mike and Fredrick Nixon. 2001 *The Economics of the European Union: Policy and Analysis*, 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Michelle Cini and Lee McGowan. 1998. *Competition Policy in the European Union*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Pelkmans, Jaques. 2001. *European Integration: Methods and Economic Analysis*. Harlow: Pearson.

Scharpf, Fritz W. 1999. *Governing in Europe: Effective and Democratic?* New York: Oxford University Press.

Wallace, Helen and William Wallace, eds. 2000. *Policy-Making in the EU*. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Course outline

The course is designed to provide students with tools and frameworks for analysing EU policy, with particular focus on regulation, liberalisation and de-regulation in the Single Market. The seminar topics include competition policy and de-regulation and specific aspects of three industries from the company, policy and regulatory perspectives: the ICT sector (telecoms, communications and the media), the energy sector (oil, gas and electricity) and financial services and capital markets.

Computer-based tools

None

Course structure

36 hours

Evaluation

Individual research papers and in-class assessment

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 59151 (100%)

Aids at the examination

All

Makeup exam

At the next regular exam