



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2004/2005

## GRA 5915 EU policy: Competition Policy and Regulation

### Program

Master of Science in Business, Master of Science in Management, Specialization Course

### Responsible for the course

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### Department

Public Governance

### Term

According to study plan

### ECTS Credits

6

This is one of the School's two 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) or a similar introductory text. 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 (take-home exams) and assessment based on in-class presentations. The course is designed as a component in the four-course EU Minor, which includes courses on EU Institutions/the Single European Market; on the European Economic Area/Enlargement/Global Politics; and on lobbying in the EU; but it may be taken as a stand-alone course.

### Prerequisites

The course does not carry formal prerequisites, but is designed primarily for students with some knowledge of the workings of the EU through for example GRA 5912 (the New Europe: EU Institutions and the Single Market) or a similar course or with some knowledge of industry regulation.

### 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. 2004. *The European Union: Economics and Policies*. 7th ed. New York: Prentice Hall.  
Compendium of Recent Journal Articles

### Recommended literature

Artis, Mike and Fredrick Nixon, eds. 2001 *The Economics of the European Union: Policy and Analysis*, 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
Cini, Michelle 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*. 2nd ed. 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 except Blackboard/homepage

**Course structure**

36 hours

**Evaluation**

Individual research papers (take-home exam) 80%; and in-class assessment 20%

**Evaluation code(s)**

GRA 59151 (100%)

**Aids at the examination**

All

**Makeup exam**

Next time the course is offered