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| Course title: | Introduction to EU Competition Law |
| Semester: | 2 |
| Language: | English (at the students' request, lectures can be given in Spanish or Portuguese) |
| ECTS credit allocation: | Contact hours:  - lecture: 15h  ECTS credits 0.5  student's own work:  - current preparation for classes 30 h  - preparing for the completion of the subject 55h  Total number of hours of student's own work: 85  ECTS credits 3.5  total number of hours 100h  total number of ECTS points: 4. |
| Verification method of learning outcomes: | written test - all effects |
| Description: | This subject introduces students to the fundamental principles and framework of EU Competition Law. The course provides a comprehensive overview of antitrust rules, merger regulations, state aid, and enforcement mechanisms within the European Union. It aims to develop students’ understanding of the rationale behind competition law and its role in the internal market. |
| Bibliography: | Basic:   1. Van Cleynenbreugel, P., Caramelo Gomes, J., & Bessa Vilela, N. (2022). Introduction to competition law. In A. Fercic (Ed.), *European Union Competition Law* (pp. 1-20). Europa Law Publishing. 2. Faull, J., & Nikpay, A. (2014). \*The EU Law of Competition\* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press. 3. Korah, V. (2007). \*An Introductory Guide to EC Competition Law and Practice\* (9th ed.). Oxford: Hart Publishing. ISBN 9781841137544.   Additional:   1. Furse, M. (2004). \*Competition Law of the EC and UK\* (4th ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0199258802.   Case Law:  Google LLC, formerly Google Inc. and Alphabet, Inc. v European Commission. Case T-612/17.  Amazon.com, Inc. and Others v European Commission. Case T-19/21. |
| Learning outcomes: | Knowledge  A student  1. understands the legal and economic principles underpinning EU Competition Law necessary for their work as a specialist (K\_W01, K\_W02)  2. is familiar with key provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (K\_W03)  3. is aware of the enforcement mechanisms and institutional framework in the EU (K\_W05)  4. has an insight into the role of competition law in maintaining a fair and efficient internal market (K\_W02)  Skills  A student can, is able  1. to analyze legal texts and case law related to competition law (K\_U01)  2. to apply competition law principles to hypothetical scenarios (K\_U01, K\_U04)  3. to evaluate the impact of mergers, agreements, or dominant behaviors on market competition (K\_U05)  4. to explore recent developments and trends in EU Competition Law (K\_U07)  Competences  A student is ready to  1. to provide legal advice on competition law compliance (K\_K02)  2. to engage with cross-border legal and economic issues within the EU (K\_K03)  3. to assess critically enforcement decisions and policies (K\_K01)  4. to pursue further specialization or professional work in competition law (K\_K02) |

Lecture

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| Verification method of learning outcomes: | Written test |
| Bibliography: | As in the general section |
| Learning outcomes: | As in the general section |
| Topics: | 1. Introduction to EU Competition Law:   * Objectives and Scope   2. Article 101 TFEU:   * Prohibition of Anti-Competitive Agreements   3. Article 102 TFEU:   * Abuse of Dominant Position   4. EU Merger Control:   * Regulations and * Procedures   5. Enforcement of Competition Rules:   * The Role of the European Commission and * National Authorities   6. Case Studies:   * Landmark Decisions in EU Competition Law |
| Didactic methods: | Conversation lecture, discussion, case study |
| Methods and evaluation criteria: | Written test conducted on the UMCS Virtual Campus or Microsoft Teams platform. Consists of single-choice test questions. A score of 1 point is available for each single-choice test question. Credit from min. 50% of positive answers. |