

SUBJECT CHART PREPARATION OF THE MASTER THESIS

1. Information on the study programme

1.1 Institution of higher education	West University of Timișoara
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Law
1.3 Department	Department of Public Law
1.4 Field of Study	Law
1.5 Cycle of study	Master studies
1.6 Programme of study / Qualification	European Union Law

2. Information on the subject

2.1 Subject denomination	Preparation of the Master Thesis						
2.2 Person in charge of course activities							
2.3 Person in charge of seminar activities	Senior Lecturer Sorina Doroga, PhD						
2.4 Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	2	2.6 Type of evaluation	C	2.7 Subject regime	CS

3. Total estimated time (number of hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2 course		3.3 practical work	3
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	42	of which: 3.5 course		3.6 practical work	42
Distribution of time:					hours
Study using textbooks, teaching materials, bibliography and class notes					25
Additional research in the library, using specialized electronic platforms/ field research					30
Preparation for seminars / laboratories, homework, projects, essays					18
Tutoring					4
Examination					6
Other activities					-
3.7 Total hours of individual study	83				
3.8 Total hours per semester	125				
3.9 Number of credits	5				

4. Preconditions (if any)

4.1 curriculum-related	•
4.2 competence-related	•

5. Conditions (if any)

5.1 related to courses	•
5.2 related to seminars / laboratories	•

6. Subject-specific objectives – expected results of the learning process to which the subject contributes

Knowledge	This subject is expected to contribute to the understanding and appropriation of essential concepts in European Union law, in different specialised areas, as well as a good use of terminology and research methods specific to the field of EU law and its legal system.
Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using the legal resources available to analyse and correctly qualify concrete legal situations; - The ability to draft legal documents and opinions, as well as to conduct legal research on topics pertaining to EU law; - Critical reflection abilities and the capacity to conduct comparative research.
Responsibility and autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to work independently in order to handle and carry out professional tasks efficiently and responsibly, in line with academic ethical rules; - Efficient use of academic and professional resources, both in Romanian and English.

7. Content

7.1 Courses	Teaching methods	Observations
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7.2 Practical works	Teaching methods	Observations
Using the e-learning platform; The key principles of academic writing; Research methodologies; Using bibliographical references and the relevant ethical rules applicable to academic research.	Dialogue, oral debates and topical projects, case studies, independent work	8 hours
Drafting the dissertation thesis: structuring, drafting and editing, bibliography requirements, sources.	Dialogue, oral debates and topical projects, case studies, independent work	8 hours
Theoretical and methodological aspects concerning the topic of the dissertation. Clarifications, arguments, contents.	Dialogue, oral debates and topical projects, case studies, independent work	10 hours

The calendar for drafting the dissertation and the stage of research;	Dialogue, oral debates and topical projects, case studies, independent work	8 hours
Researching the topic and structuring the dissertation (theoretical elements, case-law analysis etc.); framing conclusions in line with the working research hypothesis, and the selected research methodology.		
Synthesizing the dissertation thesis; focusing on original research and ideas; analysing the coherence of the arguments included in the research and their logical connection; the correlation between theoretical and practical aspects.	Dialogue, oral debates and topical projects, case studies, independent work	8 hours
Bibliography: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghid de întocmire a lucrării de disertație – Anexă la Regulamentul Facultății de Drept privind finalizarea studiilor universitare de licență și de masterat - Umberto Eco – <i>How to Write a Thesis</i> - Stephen Bailey – <i>Academic Writing. A Practical Guide for Students</i> 		

8. Corroborating the content of the subject with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers in the relevant programme field

The subject is useful in the legal formation of future researchers and practitioners, as it offers practical training in developing legal research and writing skills, cementing at the same time the principles of academic ethics.
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9. Evaluation

Type of activity	9.1 Evaluation criteria	9.2 Evaluation method	9.3 Weight percentage of the final grade
9.4 Course			
9.5 Practical works	Evaluation of each student by reference to minimal	Grade evaluation – presentation of a written project synthesizing the dissertation thesis	100%

	performance standards		
9.6 Minimum performance standard			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquiring a coherent and systematic vision of European Union law;• Displaying knowledge and understanding on the operation of the relevant legal concepts;• Adequate use of the legal language and key concepts pertaining to the field of European law;• Adequate understanding of the relevant procedures and of the use of academic research tools.			

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Person in charge of the subject:
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