College of Europe
Collège d'Europe
Brugge Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME	YEAR
European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)	2018 - 2019

COURSE TITLE	SEMESTER
EU Competition Policy	2

COURSE PROFESSOR(S)	ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)
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COURSE TYPE	MAJOR(S)	ECTS CREDITS
Optional Specialist Course	EPAP	4

CONTACT HOURS	INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME	TUTORIALS	COEFFICIENT	LANGUAGE(S)
20	80		1	EN

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The students will acquire basic knowledge of EU competition law covering the following:

- Horizontal agreements (including cartels)
- Vertical agreements
- Abuse of dominance
- Merger control

Students will receive a general understanding of the reasons why Competition policy plays a crucial role for the good functioning of the Single market. They will study the way the different instruments for the enforcement of competition rules are implemented, and discuss some of the most important cases the EU Commission investigated in recent times.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Very interactive course based on preparatory readings, class discussion and input by the students.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

- 3-hours written examination with a total of 9 questions comprising 90% of the course grade
- Class participation assessment comprising 10% of the course grade

Authorised materials: case law and legislation listed in the course outline

COURSE CONTENTS

- Analysis of Article 101 and 102 TFEU, together with merger control and relevant procedures.
- EU Competition policy and the Single Market;
- The different instruments for the enforcement of Competition rules: fight against cartels, against the abuse of dominant positions, mergers control, control of State aid;
- Competition and Regulation;

- Competition and Industrial policy;
- Competition enforcement from a sectorial perspective;
- Competition and the financial sector;
- Public and private enforcement of competition policy;
- How the EU system of competition enforcement works.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

- Case law, secondary EU legislation and soft law documents.
- Lectures will be supported with Power Point slides that will be available for students.
- Recommendations for readings will also be provided.