

European Company Law

Title of course in Hungarian: Európai társasági jog

Language of instruction: English

Department: Commercial Law and Financial Law Department

Type of course: obligatory/elective

Level of programme:

Number of lessons per week: 2 hours/week

Semester: I./II.

Credit point value: 6

Code of course:

Prior course(s) required: Introduction into the Institutional Functioning of European Economic Integration and Legal Harmonization

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Lecturer(s):, Dr. Vendel Halász

Course description, purpose of the course:

The course focuses on company law issues within the European Union. The course has a comparative dimension, outlining the similarities and differences of the most important company forms used in Europe in national legislation. It also has a sui generis European law part, which reflects the results of European law harmonization in the field of company law, including supra-national company forms.

Course outline, description of acquired knowledge, skills and competences:

1. The discussion of the basic common questions of company law: formation, capital requirements, governance and management, shareholder's rights, etc.
2. The major characteristics of different company law / law of corporations regimes in the world. The legislative competences of the European Union over company law.
3. Partnerships and similar company forms in comparison 1
4. Partnerships and similar company forms in comparison 2
5. Limited liability companies, private companies and similar company forms in comparison 1
6. Limited liability companies, private companies and similar company forms in comparison 2
7. Stock corporations, public companies and similar company forms in comparison 1
8. Stock corporations, public companies and similar company forms in comparison 2
9. The legal sources of European company law: strategies, action plans, directives, regulations and other acquis
10. Directives relating to certain minimum standard aspects of public companies (formation, structure, shareholder rights, etc.)
11. Merger directives and related questions
12. Miscellaneous other company law directives
13. The European Company Statute and the Societas Europaea, and other initiatives
14. The future of European company law: selected issues in the modernizing of European company law

15. Selected other issues in international company law: winding up, bankruptcy and related issues

Interim course requirement(s):

Type of evaluation: exam evaluation/course performance evaluation

Method of evaluation: _written/oral exam

Obligatory course materials:

- C Gernet-Beuerle and S. Fleet (eds) Gore-Brown on EU Company Law
Jordans Publishing 2011-2013
- Stefan Grundmann: European Company Law
2nd edition Nov. 2011 Intersentia /or
2nd edition Nov. 2012 Hart Publishing

Recommended additional sources:

- Walmsley, Keith (ed.): *Butterworths company law handbook*, Butterworths, 2012. 3733 pages ISBN 9780406020079
- Andenas, Mads and Wooldridge Frank: *European Comparative Company Law*, New York : Cambridge University Press, 2009.561 pages ISBN 978-0-521-84219-8
- Grundmann, Stefan: *European Company Law: Organization, Finance and Capital Markets*, Antwerpen-Oxford Intersentia, 2012. 1042 pages ISBN 978-1780680194