

# COURSE DETAIL

## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EU

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Leiden University College

**Program(s)**

Leiden University College

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science European Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

118

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the legal framework of the European Union, often referred to as *sui generis*, meaning that it is unique in its characteristics as compared with other regional organizations. EU law is increasingly important for national legal systems. At the same time, the EU represents a fascinating case study of regional integration especially in the light of challenges that the EU has been facing such as the government debt crisis, the refugee crisis, Brexit, and the covid-19 pandemic. This course guides students through the establishment of the EU and development of EU law and policy since then. Relevant questions include: how is the EU organized and how does it function? Which institutions exist within the EU and what is their role? How do they react to recent challenges of European integration? What does EU law regulate and why? How does the European legal order interact with the domestic orders of its Member States? What is the position of individuals within EU law and how are their rights under EU law protected? The course focuses on these institutional questions, helping students to critically assess the EU in its legal context. They zoom in on particular topics, such as decision making in law and in practice, or judicial protection in the EU, teaching students how to apply the general rules to specific case studies. The course gives students a platform for discussing the recent developments within the European Union.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

8002IJ50

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### Host Institution Campus

Leiden University College, The Hague

### Host Institution Faculty

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**  
International Justice

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