

European Union Law – distance learning (PG Dip/MA)

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About this programme

The Postgraduate Diploma/Masters in European Union Law is a distance learning programme covering a wide range of important EU Law topics, such as free movement of goods and people, social policy, external relations and judicial review. You will gain an in-depth and up-to-date knowledge of the most important theoretical and practical aspects of EU law, with a particular emphasis on the Treaties of the European Union.

Now in its 28th successful year this programme has been attended by students drawn from the UK and other parts of the European Union, the European Economic Area, Central and Eastern Europe, the Far East and the USA. Completing this rigorous programme will give you an edge in a competitive job market.

Students can progress to the MA if the PG Dip is passed at Merit level.

Programme highlights



Delivered by experts in the field – Programme leader: **Professor Alexander Türk**, Professor of Law, King's College London



Duration: **8 months**



Delivery: **Distance Learning**



Award: **Postgraduate Diploma/ Masters (CPD accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority)**

Key information



When does it start and how long is the programme?

The programme is spread over 8 months starting in October and ending with an examination at a venue in central London in May.



What are the entry requirements?

- A degree in law of a good second class standard or the equivalent thereof
- A degree in a related discipline (good second class or higher) or be:
- Qualified as a barrister or a solicitor
- Applications may also be accepted from a candidate who has achieved a comparative academic level through his or her past studies and where previous study, work or experience has made the applicant a suitable candidate for admission.

English Language requirements: Visit the King's admissions webpages to view the [English language entry requirements](#). Please refer to Band B.

Go to: www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply/entry-requirements/english-language



Programme format and assessment

- Delivered via printed programme materials and a dedicated website.
- Features two optional weekends of study in London which are led by the programme director.
- You are expected to engage in approximately 240 hours (20 hours per unit) of self-study
- 70 per cent of the programme is assessed by examination and 30 per cent is assessed by coursework.



How much does it cost?

Please go online to www.courses.knect365-learning.com/eu and see the Fees page for full details. An interest-free instalment plan is available. Please contact us for more details.

Who should study this programme?

Delivered by
one of Europe's
leading centres
in European Law

Ideal for...

- ✓ Regulatory Authorities
- ✓ Government Officials
- ✓ Barristers
- ✓ Lawyers in private practice
- ✓ In-house legal advisers
- ✓ Financial services managers
- ✓ Judges and Magistrates
- ✓ All those who need a thorough understanding of the law of the European Union



It has provided a very good insight into the most important areas of EU Law. 

K. Bardina, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

What you will learn

Benefit from a highly relevant programme that:

- ✓ Deals with the free movement of goods and people (including citizenship), the freedom of establishment, the freedom to provide services, the free movement of capital and economic and monetary union;
- ✓ Covers competition law, social policy, environmental policy and external relations;
- ✓ Concludes with a judicial review of EU law, including liability of EU institutions, and the enforcement of EU law with regards to the protection of individual's rights in national courts and with regard to the applicable procedures.

In the most recent survey, this well-respected and successful programme scored an impressive 90% for overall student satisfaction in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)

Programme director



Alexander Türk, Professor in Law and Vice-Dean Education, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London

Alexander Türk is a Professor in Law and Vice-Dean Education at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. He is the Programme Director. Professor Türk studied history (MA) and law (first and second state exam) in Augsburg, Germany. He obtained an LLM in European Law at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. He also holds a PhD from the University of London. Professor Türk is also Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, Iowa University, and Pepperdine University, USA. He has published extensively on EU law, in particular its constitutional and administrative law aspects.



This course is the best quality I have experienced in my academic career and both weekend seminars were high quality with excellent, motivational tutors.

J. Dombi, Eurojust 



The course offered a useful way to work and study at the same time, with the advantage of weekend seminars, which were essential for a better understanding of the materials and which provided the opportunity to ask questions.

J. O'Keeffe, European Parliament 

How you will learn

- ✓ The distance learning Postgraduate Diploma in European Union Law programme is structured into three modules of twelve units.
- ✓ Each unit comes in the form of hard copy print and as a PDF file via the programme website.
- ✓ Questions will be set at the end of each unit and model answers to these will be sent with the unit that follows.
- ✓ Units are normally sent by post and overseas students will be sent their material by air courier.
- ✓ Students are expected to engage with the online platform during their studies.
- ✓ All students will be eligible to attend two optional weekend seminars at King's College London.

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Syllabus

Module 1

UNIT 1 - Introduction to the Treaties and Institutions (including legislative procedures)

Brief description:

- ✔ From the Treaty of Paris to the Lisbon Treaty
- ✔ Structure of the Treaties
- ✔ The Union's institutions
- ✔ Lawmaking
- ✔ Supremacy and direct effect

UNIT 2 - Free Movement of Goods

Brief description:

- ✔ Introduction: the strategy for the completion of the internal market
- ✔ The Customs Union, custom duties and charges having equivalent effect
- ✔ The free movement of goods: the elimination of quantitative restrictions on imports and exports and all measures having equivalent effect
- ✔ Derogation from the application of the principle of free movement of goods
- ✔ Harmonization policy

UNIT 3 - Citizenship and Free Movement of People

Brief description:

- ✔ EU citizenship, mobility rights and non-discrimination
- ✔ Free movement of workers – personal and material scope – limitations and derogations
- ✔ Rights of individuals with independent means
- ✔ Third country nationals, family members of EU workers, rights under Europe agreements; association agreements and co-operation agreements – refugees and asylum-seekers – Schengen Accord
- ✔ Progressive establishment of an area of freedom, justice and security

UNIT 4 - Freedom of Establishment and Services

Brief description:

- ✔ Scope of the freedoms
- ✔ Exceptions
- ✔ Establishment by companies
- ✔ EU legislation

Module 2

UNIT 5 - Free Movement of Capital and Economic and Monetary Union

Brief description:

- ✔ The role of money in the internal market and in the EU constitution
- ✔ Free movement of capital: the widest reaching and most unlimited of the freedoms
- ✔ Capital: free movement and its limitations
- ✔ Economic and Monetary Union: the institutional and legal framework

UNIT 6 - Competition Law

Brief description:

- ✔ Article 101 TFEU: agreements
- ✔ Article 102 TFEU: abuse of a dominant position
- ✔ Article 106 TFEU: state undertakings
- ✔ Articles 107-109 TFEU: state aids
- ✔ Enforcement and procedure

UNIT 7 - Anti-Discrimination Law

Brief description:

- ✔ EU sex discrimination law: origins and purposes
- ✔ Material scope: employment (pay vs treatment) and social security
- ✔ Kinds of sex discrimination: direct vs indirect vs positive
- ✔ Enforcement and remedies
- ✔ Discrimination on other grounds: racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation

UNIT 8 - Environmental Law And Policy

Brief description:

- ✔ Legal and political evolution of EU environmental law
- ✔ The Treaty framework for environmental protection
- ✔ Methods and techniques in EU environmental law (i): licensing and standard setting
- ✔ Methods and techniques in EU environmental law (ii): procedural approaches
- ✔ Methods and techniques in EU environmental law (iii): economic instruments

Module 3

UNIT 9 - External Relations

Brief description:

- ✔ External competence
- ✔ Common commercial policy
- ✔ Negotiation and conclusion of agreements
- ✔ Effects of agreements
- ✔ Common foreign and security policy

UNIT 10 - Judicial Review of EU Law

Brief description:

- ✔ Article 263 TFEU: action for annulment
- ✔ Article 265 TFEU: failure to act
- ✔ Article 277 TFEU: plea of illegality
- ✔ Union liability

UNIT 11 - Enforcement of EU Law I Protection of Individual's Rights in National Courts

Brief description:

- ✔ Direct effect of Union law
- ✔ Loyal interpretation of national law
- ✔ Remedies required as a matter of EU law, restitution, interim relief, state liability
- ✔ National law remedies for breach of EU law – equivalence and effectiveness of protection

UNIT 12 - Enforcement of EU Law II Proceedings in the CJEU

Brief description:

- ✔ Article 267 TFEU: references by national courts for preliminary rulings
- ✔ Article 258 TFEU: proceedings against member states for breaches of EU
- ✔ Admissibility requirements
- ✔ Procedure in the CJEU

Organisations that have already benefited from the programme include:

A.P Moller Maersk	European Parliament
European Commission	European Ombudsman
AEGON	Transport for London
London Stock Exchange	EFTA Surveillance Authority
Embassy of Sudan	Bank of England
European Association of Communications Agencies	Fidelity Investments
London Borough of Hackney	British American Tobacco
Ministry of Justice Portugal	Bank of Japan
Ofgem	ITV
Baker & McKenzie	Royal Yachting Association
	European Court of Justice

Application checklist

When applying, you will need to include the following documents (please see the FAQ section of the website for full details):

1. An **authenticated** good copy of your Degree or Degree Transcript or your Practising Certificate.
2. An **authenticated** copy of your passport (or driving licence with a photo) showing your name and photograph.
3. A personal statement stating why you wish to follow this programme and how it relates to your previous experience.
4. A written reference on letterhead from a senior partner, head of chambers or from an academic institution or equivalent, who will vouch for your ability, interest and academic suitability to study the programme.
5. A jpeg headshot passport style photo.

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Who we are



King's College London, established in 1829 and a founding college of the University of London, is one of the world's leading research and teaching universities, based in the very heart of London. King's has an outstanding reputation for providing world-class teaching and has a particularly distinguished reputation in law. The Dickson Poon School of Law is recognised globally as one of the best law schools in the world* and is a centre of research with staff who are leaders in their fields. In 2014, The School was ranked 1st in the UK for quality of research in the official Research Excellence Framework.

The Centre of European Law, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London has a long tradition of teaching and research into all areas of European Union Law. The Centre enjoys a reputation of excellence for its distinguished programme of public events and for its postgraduate education. The Centre is at the forefront of EU law scholarship and is now closely engaged in the debate concerning the legal aspects of the new UK settlement and the legal implications of Brexit.

*2018 QS World University Rankings

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A well-structured course which covers the key areas of EU law, while allowing students to focus on the areas of most interest to them. The two weekend seminars were particularly valuable, thanks mainly to the high quality and enthusiasm of the tutors.

R. Matthews, European Commission

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