

EUROPEAN UNION LAW

Wednesday & Friday at 11.00am in Room F402

I am happy to meet with you to answer questions about the course. The best way to reach me is by email.

COURSE MATERIALS: Course materials will be available online at <http://blenderlaw.umlaw.net/eu-law/>. The blog will help to structure the course and class discussion and will link to useful resources. The blog and course materials together represent the materials for which you are responsible on the exam. As far as the blog goes this means items posted directly to the blog (you are not required to click through to the links). My aim in using my own materials rather than a commercial case book is to make the material we will study as accessible as possible. In addition we should be able to focus on more recent materials than those in the published case books, so the material should be and seem more immediate. Studying EU law is a bit like studying all of federal law in the US - it is very complex, and of necessity we can only focus on some aspects of EU law. The core of the law of the EU deals with the relations between the EU institutions and between the institutions and the Member States. And the law also has implications for the rights of individual EU citizens. Much of the EU's law deals with economic regulation including competition law and the administration of the common agricultural policy, and these are complex areas of law. The European Union's Internet Site is at http://europa.eu/index_en.htm. This is an invaluable source of up to date information on developments in the European Union. You can find useful background and introductory information on this website. The EU's official documents site is at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>.

ATTENDANCE: I will take attendance. You are entitled to three **unexplained** absences from class during the semester. You may send me an email to explain an absence from class or contact the Dean of Students' office. I reserve the right to lower the grade of anyone who misses more than three classes without informing me of the reason for their absence. I also reserve the right to drop a student from class if he or she misses a substantial number of classes (whether or not those absences are explained). If you miss a class please do ask me if you have any questions about the material you missed. Consistent **and useful** participation in class may raise your grade.

ASSESSMENT: Your performance in this course will be assessed by means of:

1. A 4 page paper on a topic to be assigned by me and to be submitted to me on or before the Monday after Spring Break (Monday 14 March) (25%) **AND**
2. A three-hour, in-class, closed-book examination (75%).

If you have a disability, or suspect that you may have a disability, the Law School encourages you to contact Iris Morera, Coordinator, Disability Services at the Office of Disability Services for information about available opportunities, resources, and services. Her phone number is 305-284-9907, and her email address is imorera@law.miami.edu. You may also visit the Disability Services website at <http://www.law.miami.edu/disability-services/?op=0>.