



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

European Consumer Law in a Digital Society

Course Code	R_ECLDS
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	500
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Course Coordinator	mr. drs. S.B. Jonasse
Examiner	mr. drs. S.B. Jonasse
Teaching Staff	prof. mr. J.W. Rutgers, mr. E.F. Groot
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

Course Objective

After having followed this course, a student

- will know which EU directives are important with respect to electronic b2c-transactions;
- will be able to apply the rules in EU directives and regulations to electronic b2c-transactions;
- will be able to analyse the case law of the European Court of Justice with respect to electronic b2c-transactions;
- will be able to review critically the prevailing law with respect to electronic b2c-transactions using behavioural science literature;
- will be able to apply the prevailing rules to new business models and will be able to point out new problems.

Course Content

Consumer law deals with transactions between a consumer and a professional party. Increasingly, consumers conclude contracts through internet. The European Union considers this type of transactions, which is part of the digital internal market, an important means to increase economic growth. European consumer law also plays a role in the platform economy, contracts concluded by consumers with platforms, such as AirBnB and Facebook. This course focuses on the contractual aspects of these transactions in national, EU and in international situations. The starting point is the European Union perspective.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Each week there will be a seminar and every two weeks another seminar. During these seminars, we will discuss the materials and the case law and assignments.

Method of Assessment

To be able to participate in the written exam, the students are required to have passed the assignments during the course.

Literature

The list of literature will be made available on Canvas (the digital learning environment).

Additional Information Target Audience

Apart from law students of the VU, the course is also available for:

- Students from other universities/faculties
- Exchange students
- Contractors (students who pay for one course)

If they have passed a course in Contract Law.

Courses from a master at the faculty can only be taken as a secondary course if you have a diploma that gives access to the relevant master/ specialization and if you are enrolled in a master.

Recommended background knowledge

Knowledge of contract law and European law at bachelor-level is recommended.