

Course Description

Course title:	International and European Consumer Protection Law	
Neptun code:		
Type (core, specialization, optional, dissertation, other):	core	
Lecture/ Seminar (practical); hours per week:	2 lectures/week	
Name and position of lecturer:	SZILÁGYI János Ede, associate professor	
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Prerequisite course(s):		
Language of the course:	English	
Suggested semester: autumn /spring, 1-6	autumn or spring	
Number of credits:	4	
Requirements (exam/practical mark/signature/report, essay):	colloquium	
Course objectives (50-100 words):	<p>This course instructs students about the major trends in national consumer protection laws and gives a detailed overview of the consumer protection regime of the European Union. The course deals with the normative laws of consumer protection and the relevant case law, and also outlines some of the key questions in consumer protection in perspective from a jurisprudential and also economic point of view.</p>	
Course structure:	Week	Topic
	1.	The objectives of consumer protection. The economic foundations of consumer protection
	2.	The relationship of consumer protection law with the different legal branches. The history of consumer protection legislation. The competences of the European Union over consumer protection.
	3.	Major legal sources of consumer protection law. Major consumer protection systems in the world. The system of consumer-related legislation in the EU and in major national legal systems
	4.	The institutional aspects of consumer protection. The consumer as a legal subject. Information rights of consumers. Consumer protection and the law of advertising.
	5.	Consumer safety. Unfair trade practices.
	6.	General terms in consumer contracts
	7.	Guarantee and warranty
	8.	Product liability
	9.	Common features of consumer contracts
	10.	Distant selling and other related issues
	11.	Timeshare contracts. Agency for consumer contracts.
	12.	Consumer protection in the financial sector. Legal problems of consumer credit, Enforcing consumer rights: available means of dispute resolution
	13.	Enforcing consumer rights: available remedies, The analysis of complex consumer law cases

<p>Required readings:</p>	<p>1. Course Compendium on European and Comparative Consumer Protection Law – A selection of study material (legal sources, court decisions, studies) designed for the course by the course lecturer(s). The Compendium is aimed at the use of the LL.M.program students solely and is not intended for commercial circulation. A copy of the Compendium is available to every student in the program</p>
<p>Recommended readings:</p>	<p>1. Cseres, Katalin Judit: Competition Law and Consumer Protection, The Hague : Kluwer Law, :2005,468 pages ISBN 9041123806 2. Schulze, Reiner and Schulte-Nolke, Hans and Jones, Jackie (ed.): A casebook on European consumer law, Oxford; Portland, Oregon : Hart Publishing, 2002. 276 pages ISBN 978-1841132273 3. Micklitz, Hans W.: The basics of European consumer law, Centro de Formacao Juridica e Judiciaria, 2007. 525 pages ISBN 9789993790426</p>
<p>Evaluation method:</p>	<p>The maximum obtainable points of course is the sum of written report (80%) and oral presentation (20%) of the student. The mark `unaccepted´ is 0-30% of the maximum points, the mark `accepted´ is 31-70% of the maximum points, the mark `excellent´ is 71-100% of the maximum points.</p>