**Course description**

**THE SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW AND COMPARISON WITH HUNGARIAN CONTRACT LAW**

*Offered: autumn/spring semester*

*Code of the course:*

*The name of the course: The System of European Contract Law and Comparison with Hungarian Contract Law*

*Place in the educational framework:*

Regular course: 2 classes/week

*Manner of marking: written exam*

*CREDIT VALUE: 6*

*Language of lectures: English*

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**SCOPE OF THE COURSE:**

The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to the system and central issues of European contract law by also taking reference to Hungarian contract law. While pursuing this, the Proposal of the European Commission for a Regulation on a European Sales Law [COM 2011 (635) final of 11 October 2011, and the so-called Academic Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR) is taken as point of reference. The primary objective of the course is to provide introduction and access to central issues of European and Hungarian contract law for non-Hungarian speaking European students also, with the benefit of explanation gained by applying the methods of comparative law.

**SCHEDULE OF THE COURSE:**

1. General introduction and presentation of the method used during the course; an overview of the development of European contract law within the process of deepening European integration
2. Overview of the system of European and Hungarian contract law; role and meaning of general principles (general clauses) in the system of contract law; basic concepts like that of ‘consumer’ and ‘business’, goods, sales contract, the notion of services, etc.
3. Making a contract I: pre-contractual duties (pre-contractual information duties in general and the specific ones applicable to B2C, remedies for breach of these duties)
4. Making a contract II: issues of formation (intention, agreement establishing a contract, offer and acceptance, time and place of conclusion of a contract, etc)
5. Making a contract III: the right of withdrawal in general and the specific ones applicable to B2C, the issue of representation, interpretation of the contract
6. Content and validity I: contents and effects of a contract (the terms of the contract, simulation, contract in favour a third party, unfair terms)
7. Content and validity II: grounds of invalidity and consequences of invalidity
8. Performance I: issues of performance of the contract (place, time, order, delivery, conformity, passing of risk)
10. Changes in some aspects of the contract: change of the parties (assignment of the contractual right); set-off and merger; prescription
11. Specific contractual obligations: lease of goods; provision of services
12. Written Exam, Signature

**BOOKS, RECOMMENDED READINGS (TO BE COMPLETED):**


With regard to Hungarian contract law


Not yet published
