

Social security law of the EU

Study programme	YUFE Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies
Academic year	2026/2027
Curriculum component	Minor: Urban Inequality
Year and semester	Academic year 2026/2027
Course type	Elective
ECTS credits	4
Contact hours (L+S+E)	15+0+8
Language of instruction	English

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Prerequisites

No requirements.

Course objectives

The course is dedicated to exploring the basic concepts of the EU's action in the field of social policy and social security. It will focus on EU competences and regulatory techniques in the social field and their relation with the competences of the Member States. The objective of the course is to acquire fundamental knowledge about the social security law of the European Union and complex interactions between the powers and competences of the EU and Member States that shape and define the field of social security.

Learning outcomes

- Identify and examine the competences and regulatory techniques of the EU in the field of social policy and social security (PILO 1.2.
- PILO 4.2.)
- Assess the impacts of division of powers on the shaping of national social security systems (PILO 1.2.
- PILO 2.2.)
- Analyse and critically appraise the role of the EU in the field of social policy (PILO 5.2.) Communicate ideas on the role and importance of social security law for urban sustainability and equality clearly, coherently and respectfully, in English, in both written and oral form (PILO 9 PILO 10)

Course content

- EU competences in the field of social policy and social security
- Regulatory techniques in the field of social policy and social security

- The role of social
- security coordination in the EU
- Historical background of social security coordination
- Legal basis of the social security coordination
- Scope of the social
- security coordination regulations
- Basic principles of the social security coordination
- Determination of applicable legislation
- Selected issues (1):
- coordination of sickness benefits
- Selected issues (2): patient mobility in the EU beyond coordination
- Selected issues (3): the impact of EU regulations
- in the areas of internal market and competition on the national social security systems
- Selected issues (4): shaping the national social security systems
- and responding to societal needs through coordination of social security.

Teaching and learning methods

lectures and practical classes.

Assessment and grading

Continuous assessment: 2 tests corresponding to midterm exam (with the possibility to retake both tests) = 60 %; active participation in class discussions = 10 %. Written final exam (30 %).

Grading scale

Grade	Percentage
5 (A)	90-100%
4 (B)	75-89.9%
3 (C)	60-74.9%
2 (D)	50-59.9%
1 (F)	0-49.9%