



## Bachelor's courses Faculty of Law

VU University Amsterdam - Student- & Onderwijszaken - Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit - 2018-2019



# European Consumer Law in a Digital Society

<b>Course code</b>	R_ECLDS ()
<b>Period</b>	Period 4
<b>Credits</b>	6.0
<b>Language of tuition</b>	English
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
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<b>Teaching method(s)</b>	Seminar, Lecture
<b>Level</b>	500

## 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 included in EU directives and regulations to an 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 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 E-bay. This course focuses on the contractual aspects of these transactions and dispute resolution in national, EU and in international situations. The starting point is the European Union perspective.

## Form of tuition

A seminar of 3 hours a week. For students who do not have any knowledge of EU law, an additional seminar will be provided in the second week of the subject.

## Type of assessment

To be able to participate in the written exam, the students must have handed in an assignment (pass/fail) in the weeks 2 - 6.

## Course reading

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

## Entry requirements

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

**Recommended background knowledge**

European Law, Contract Law

**Target group**

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

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

If they have passed a course in Contract Law.