

At Bruxelles Saint-Louis - 180 credits - 3 years - Day schedule - In French

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Law is the set of legal rules which organises life in society. The aim of law studies is to prepare students to be able to meet the legal challenges of today and tomorrow. With globalisation, sustainable development, the digital economy, energy transition, etc., legal practitioners must deal directly with the political, economic, social and cultural challenges facing contemporary society.

The bilingual French-English bachelor's degree in law is the only one of its kind in French-speaking Belgium, and has two objectives:

- firstly, through law courses, it provides a comprehensive grounding in the main branches of law and gives students the ability to understand and use legal reasoning;
- secondly, through courses in the humanities and social sciences, it enables students to acquire a solid academic grounding in these different fields, which can contribute to a critical understanding of legal issues (including ethical, political and socio-economic issues).

The programme is therefore not limited to a study of legal rules, but also looks at the values which underlie them and how they are put into context.

The teaching methodology combines traditional 'in-theatre' lectures with more practical classes which require student participation (including seminars, practical work, tutorials, access to digital legal resources, work 'shadowing' to gain practitioner experience, moot court competitions, etc.).

This background is an essential first step to becoming a good practitioner on completion of a master's degree in law, or to gaining access to other master's degrees (e.g. master's degree in criminology).

Your profile

The study of law requires special intellectual skills: the precise use of language, a capacity for reasoning, abstract thinking, analysing and summarising, and a critical mind. In-depth knowledge of ideas and concepts is essential. The main part of a legal practitioner's approach involves defining and classifying concepts. Legal practitioners are expected to have a keen sense of justice and fairness. Extreme rigour in oral and written expression is absolutely essential.

The bilingual French-English bachelor's degree in law also requires active and passive English language skills which are strong enough so that students are able to take courses in English in the first year.

Your future job

Lawyers can be found wherever human activity brings together parties who make commitments towards each other (drawing up agreements, negotiating contracts, settling disputes, resolving conflicts and defending interests).

Their skills are also widely recognised in the business world and in national and international civil services. Lawyers can also be found in the socio-cultural and health sectors, in journalism and in education.

The bachelor's degree in law leads to a master's degree in law, which opens up a wide range of career opportunities. In addition to careers as lawyers, magistrates, notaries or bailiffs, the skills of legal professionals are also widely recognised in the business world and in national and international civil services. Lawyers have an important and recognised role to play, as companies have to deal with increasingly complex and changing legislation in the area of industrial, commercial and financial operations, in addition to more recent areas such as environmental protection or consumer law. All levels of the civil service make extensive use of lawyers: federal, regional, community, provincial and municipal administrations, as well as public economic, social, cultural and youth services, etc.

Your programme

Features of the bilingual French-English law programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles:

- **Interdisciplinarity:** the programme puts the law into context by addressing the disciplines which it is based on (sociology, history, philosophy, psychology, etc.).
- **Multilingualism:** part of the programme is taught in English. It is also possible to add courses taught in Dutch (trilingual French-English-Dutch programme).
- **Links with practice:** the programme includes many practical exercises and seminars providing a background in written and oral communication. A work 'shadowing' internship to gain practitioner experience is offered at the end of the bachelor's degree, as well as a number of moot court competitions.
- **International mobility:** the faculty has an active network of partners in Belgium and elsewhere. In the second year, students can take part in an [Erasmus programme](#) (30 credits) at a partner university.
- **Critical thinking:** with a view to teaching students about the research process and the objective consideration of the law and its issues, they are asked to produce and present a research paper during a legal theory seminar at the end of their bachelor's degree.

Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Students can take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree. This means that they complete their main programme with a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 125 additional credits spread over several years. The additional bachelor's degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment. The additional bachelor's degree has the same value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.

The following additional bachelor's degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy](#) [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]
- [Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters](#) [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]
- [Bachelor in History](#) [Dual-degree bachelor in History for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]
- [Bachelor in Political Sciences](#) [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]
- [Bachelor in Economics and Management](#) [Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Law]

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: droit@usaintlouis.be.

More broadly, in terms of transferable skills, at the end of the regular bilingual French-English bachelor's degree in law, students will have:

- **perfected their command of the French and English language, both spoken and written;**
- **developed a sense of autonomy in carrying out a variety of tasks (organisational skills, work planning, meeting deadlines, etc.);**
- **refined their personal ethics, both in the course of their studies and in their contacts with others (personal stance consistent with their own values, sense of general interest, respect for others, etc.).**

Programme structure

The bilingual French-English bachelor's degree in law is a first-cycle programme consisting of 180 credits spread over three years (60 credits in year 1, year 2 and year 3).

Common courses

This programme includes:

- courses of a legal nature, aimed at studying the various branches of law

Examples: Fondements romains et éléments d'Histoire du droit privé, Sources et principes du droit, Droit constitutionnel I et II, Droit des biens, Droit pénal, Procédure pénale, Droit des obligations, Droit des contrats et de la responsabilité civile, Droit du travail, Droit administratif, Droit des personnes, de la famille et des régimes matrimoniaux, Droit de l'entreprise, Droit judiciaire, etc.

- courses in the humanities and social sciences, which contribute to a critical understanding of legal issues

Examples: Introduction to the Culture of the English-Speaking World, Philosophie, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Political Science, Psychologie, Geopolitics, Legal History, etc.

Languages

Language learning is progressive:

- in year 1, students take a Dutch language course in small groups, aimed at developing reading and listening comprehension and oral expression
- in year 2, students take a course in legal Dutch, aimed at enabling students to consult legal documentation in the language studied
- in year 3, students must take one course unit in Dutch.

Optional courses

In years 2 and 3, students take 15 credits of optional course units in English.

Trilingual French-English-Dutch

From the 2nd year onwards, students can switch to the trilingual stream by replacing some of the courses in their programme with courses taught in Dutch.

Erasmus exchange programme

Law students can take part in an Erasmus exchange programme during the second term of year 2.

Internship

In year 3, students can take part in a work 'shadowing' internship (subject to availability). This internship is aimed at introducing students to professional practice in a wide range of 'legal environments': the bar, the judiciary, the public sector, associations, private companies, etc. Students must complete a minimum of 60 hours of work shadowing in the field, after which they must write an internship report. The internship supervisor writes an assessment report.

Seminar in Legal Theory

Final assignment for the bachelor's degree.

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
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- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

Year

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○ **Content:**

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○ BDROI1122

				Year		
				1	2	3
○ BDRAN1261	Common Law	François van der Mensbrugge	EN [q2] [60h] [6 Credits]		x	
○ BDROI1312	Contract law and civil liability law + Exercises session with casus	Maxime Berlingin (compensates Catherine Delforge) Catherine Delforge	FR [q1] [60h+9h] [6 Credits]			x
○ BDROI1314	Personal, family and matrimonial regime law (+ exercises session without casus)	Jehanne Sosson Fabienne Tainmont	FR [q2] [60h+6h] [7 Credits]			x
○ BDRAN1320	Natural Law	Jérémie Van Meerbeeck	EN [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]			x
○ BDROI1318	Labour Law (+exercises session without casus)	Amaury Arnould	FR [q1] [45h+6h] [4 Credits]			x
○ BDROI1319	Procedure Law (+ exercises session without casus)	Jean-François Van Drooghenbroeck	FR [q2] [45h+6h] [5 Credits]			x
○ BDROI1310	Administrative Law + Exercises session with casus	Pierre-Olivier de Broux François Tulke	FR [q1] [60h+9h] [6 Credits]			x
○ BDRAN1310	EU Law : Foundations (+ exercises session without casus)					

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				1	2	3
✂ BDRAN1262	Introduction to Comparative Law 🇺🇸	Nicolas de Sadeleer	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
✂ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion 🇺🇸	Jogchum Vrielink	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
✂ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇺🇸	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique (coord.)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
✂ BDRAN1371	Moot court		EN [q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
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				1	2	3
○ BDROI1214	Criminal procedure - + Exercises session with casus	Christine Guillain (coord.) Olivia Nederlandt	FR [q2] [45h+9h] [5 Credits]		x	
○ BDRAN1217	Legal History	Ornella Rovetta	EN [q2] [60h] [6 Credits]		x	
○ BDRAN1216	Legal Theory	Sandrine Brachotte (compensates Antoine Bailleux)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
○ BFILO1116	Moral philosophy	Raphaël Gély	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]		x	
○ BDROI1218	Property Law (+ exercises session without cases)	Nicolas Bernard	FR [q1] [30h+6h] [3 Credits]		x	
○ BDRAN1220	Economics	Bertrand Hamaide	EN [q1] [45h+15h] [5 Credits]		x	
○ BDRAN1261	Common Law	François van der Mensbrugge	EN [q2] [60h] [6 Credits]		x	
○ BDRNL1270	Media Law	Sari Depreeuw	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	
○ BDROI1312	Contract law and civil liability law + Exercises session with casus	Maxime Berlingin (compensates Catherine Delforge) Catherine Delforge	FR [q1] [60h+9h] [6 Credits]			x
○ BDROI1314	Personal, family and matrimonial regime law (+ exercises session without casus)	Jehanne Sosson Fabienne Tainmont	FR [q2] [60h+6h] [7 Credits]			x
○ BDRAN1320	Natural Law	○ BDRAN1320				

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⊗ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BHDPO1315	EU politics	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations	Amandine Bled Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Bled)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1262	Introduction to Comparative Law	Nicolas de Sadeleer	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management	Ralf Caers	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1369	Internship in the Legal Practice	Diletta Tatti	EN [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits]			x
⊗ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion	Jogchum Vrielink	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique (coord.)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1371	Moot court		EN [q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits]		x	x
⊗ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]		x	x

Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified **in the detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

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- BDRAN1216 - Legal Theory
- BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
- BFIL01116 - Moral philosophy

BDRAN1360 "Law and Tech Governance" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1110 ET BDROI1112

- BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I
- BDROI1112 - Sources and principles of law

BDRAN1369

DRAB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
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DRAB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
 - ✘ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2023-2024
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DRAB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2023-2024
- ⊙ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

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○ BDROI1312	Contract law and civil liability law + Exercises session with casus ■	Maxime Berlingin (compensates Catherine Delforge) Catherine Delforge	[FR] [q1] [60h +9h] [6 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1314	Personal, family and matrimonial regime law (+ exercises session without casus) ■	Jehanne Sosson Fabienne Tainmont	[FR] [q2] [60h +6h] [7 Credits] 🌐
○ BDRAN1320	Natural Law ■	Jérémie Van Meerbeek	[FR] [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1318	Labour Law (+exercises session without casus) ■	Amaury Arnould	[FR] [q1] [45h +6h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1319	Procedure Law (+ exercises session without casus)		

Optional courses

The student chooses one course in 2nd year and two courses in 3rd year (or one optional course in 3rd year if Seminar in Legal Theory and Law Clinic).

✘ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations 🇺🇵	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy 🇺🇵	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BHDPO1315	EU politics 🇺🇵	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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Access Requirements

- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country**, the admission request must contain the equivalence of your diploma or, at the very least, proof of the filing of the equivalence request with the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). For any information relating to obtaining an equivalence, please refer to [the following site](#).
- For any secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, the admission application must contain the [equivalence of your diploma](#) issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the [DAES](#) or a certificate of successful completion of the [examination giving access to 1st cycle studies](#) when you submit your application

Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect**

Pass certificate for the [special entrance examination for undergraduate studies in engineering: civil engineering and architect](https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/epl/examenadmission.html>).

Admission to these courses is always subject to students passing the special entrance examination. Contact the faculty office for the programme content and the examination arrangements.

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in veterinary medicine is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in physiotherapy and rehabilitation is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html). (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>)

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in psychology and education: speech and language therapy is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

- Admission to **undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science**

[Admission to undergraduate studies in medicine and dental science is governed by the Decree of 16 June 2006 regulating the number of students in certain higher education undergraduate courses \(non-residents\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html). (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>)

Note: students wishing to enrol for a **Bachelor's degree in Medicine** or a **Bachelor's degree in dental science** must first sit an [aptitude test \(fr\)](https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/inscriptions/etudes-contingentes.html>).

Teaching method

Learning to practise law

Tutorials, seminars and practical work complement the knowledge acquired in lectures, and enable small groups to compare the general, abstract nature of the rule of law with real-life situations.

During practical exercises, students take part in mock trials, draw up pleadings, work on finding solutions to real cases, analyse various documents, etc.

The written work which students complete as part of their practical work teaches them to formulate a legal question, find solutions to it by carrying out documentary research and formulate their results appropriately.

In order to equip students as best as possible, expose them to situations and help them carry out practical work in the best possible conditions, the faculty provides them with:

- computer rooms providing access to legal databases;
- a courtroom for mock trials and moot court competitions;
- the law library, with thousands of references available.

Methodological assistance

The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of learning support activities and is available to meet students who wish to do so.

Evaluation

*The evaluation methods comply with the **regulations concerning studies and exams** (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html>). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".*

Three examination sessions are organised during the academic year, in January, June and August/September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and September.

Each year, educational activities such as seminars and practical work are assessed in terms of the quality of the written work students are required to produce and their attendance at group sessions and individual meetings.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

Erasmus exchange programme

Law students can take part in an Erasmus exchange programme during the second term of year 2. The exchange programme is equivalent to 30 credits. The course programme for students who take part in an Erasmus exchange is adapted accordingly.

The university has exchange agreements with universities outside the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. These agreements allow students to take part of their bachelor's degree programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Three types of exchange are available:

1. **Erasmus exchanges** with universities in European Union countries
2. **Erasmus Belgica exchanges** with Dutch-language Belgian universities
3. **exchanges with universities outside Europe**, on the basis of bilateral agreements

Find out more about the [destinations](#).

Language study grants

The Saint-Louis Faculty of Law awards grants to students for language courses during the summer in countries where English, Dutch, German, Italian or Spanish are the official languages. The selection of candidates is based on motivation and success during the January session.

In addition, the University encourages and provides financial support for taking language tests (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.) and participating in various events held abroad, such as UN simulation sessions and supranational court hearings

(European Court of Human Rights, Court of Justice of the European Union, etc.), study trips to London and international moot courts.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

The basic law programme is divided into **two cycles**: the **three-year bachelor's degree** (180 credits) and the **two-year master's degree** (120 credits). The studies therefore take five years to complete.

Through the specialisation and deepening of knowledge, the

