

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

DRAB1BA - Introduction

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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.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of their bachelor's degree, students will have acquired:

I. General knowledge and interdisciplinary skills

- **A solid grounding in the humanities and social sciences so that they are able to decode legal phenomena in a comprehensively inter-disciplinary perspective.**

Examples: Philosophie, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Sociologie, Psychologie, Histoire des institutions et du droit I et II, Philosophie morale, Économie, as well as all optional course units.

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
- △ 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
- 🚫 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)					

				Year		
				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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				Year		
				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 🇯🇵	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini) Amandine Orsini	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					

- 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
 - ⊖ 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
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⊗ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy 🇺🇸	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHDPO1315	EU politics 🇺🇸	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management 🇺🇸	Ralf Caers	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 🇺🇸	Valentina Brogna (compensates	

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
- 🚫 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...)

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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] 🌐
✘ BHIST1122	History of European Integration	Nathalie Tousignant	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BECGE1216	Human Resource Management 🇺🇦	Ralf Caers	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 🇺🇦	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	

DRAB1BA - Information

Access Requirements

Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.

The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

SUMMARY

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General access requirements

Except as otherwise provided by other specific legal provisions, admission to undergraduate courses leading to the award of a Bachelor's degree will be granted to students with one of the following qualifications :

1. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued during or after the 1993-1994 academic year by an establishment offering full-time secondary education or an adult education centre in the French Community of Belgium and, as the case may be, approved if it was issued by an educational institution before 1 January 2008 or affixed with the seal of the French Community if it was issued after this date, or an equivalent certificate awarded by the Examination Board of the French Community during or after 1994;
2. A Certificate of Upper Secondary Education issued no later than the end of the 1992-1993 academic year, along with official documentation attesting to the student's ability to pursue higher education for students applying for a full-length undergraduate degree programme;
3. A diploma awarded by a higher education institution within the French Community that confers an academic degree issued under the above-mentioned Decree, or a diploma awarded by a university or institution dispensing full-time higher education in accordance with earlier legislation;
4. A higher education certificate or diploma awarded by an adult education centre;
5. A pass certificate for one of the [entrance examinations](https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) (https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions/examens-admission.html) organized by higher education institutions or by an examination board of the French Community; this document gives admission to studies in the sectors, fields or programmes indicated therein;
6. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification similar to those mentioned above, issued by the Flemish Community of Belgium, the German Community of Belgium or the Royal Military Academy;
7. A diploma, certificate of studies or other qualification obtained abroad and deemed equivalent to the first four mentioned above by virtue of a law, decree, European directive or international convention;

Note:

Requests for equivalence must be submitted to the Equivalence department ([Service des équivalences](#)) of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the French Community of Belgium in compliance with the official deadline.

The following two qualifications are automatically deemed equivalent to the Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur – CESS):

- European Baccalaureate issued by the Board of Governors of a European School,
- International Baccalaureate issued by the International Baccalaureate Office in Geneva.

8. Official documentation attesting to a student's ability to pursue higher education (diplôme d'aptitude à accéder à l'enseignement supérieur - DAES), issued by the Examination Board of the French Community.

Specific access requirements

- Access to bachelor programmes for candidates of nationality outside the European Union who are not assimilated to Belgian nationals is subject to the following criteria:
 - not have obtained a secondary education diploma for more than 3 years maximum. Example: for an admission application for the academic year 2023-2024, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 ou 2022-2023. In the French Community of Belgium, the academic year runs from September 14 to September 13
 - not already hold an undergraduate degree
- Candidates, whatever their nationality, with a secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, must have obtained an average of 13/20 minimum or, failing that, have obtained this average, have passed one year of study in Belgium (for example special Maths / sciences). A non-successful year will not be taken into consideration.

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.

