

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

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**

Activities in English: **optional** - Activities in other languages : **NO**

Activities on other sites :

## DRDB1BA - 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. For this reason, the bachelor's degree in law 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.

For more than thirty years, the Saint-Louis campus in Brussels has offered the bachelor's degree in law as an evening programme. Classes are held in Brussels, Monday to Friday, from 5pm to 8pm (or 9pm), and sometimes on Saturday mornings. The programme entitles private-sector employees to paid [educational leave](#).

The teaching methodology combines traditional 'in-theatre' lectures with more practical classes which require student participation (including seminars, practical work, tutorials and access to digital legal resources), with an approach tailored to adult learners. The diploma gives unrestricted access to the evening and daytime programmes of the master's degree in law.

#### 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.

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.

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## Programme structure

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The evening programme 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, II et III, Droit des biens, Droit pénal, Procédure pénale, Fondements institutionnels du droit européen, 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: Philosophie et philosophie morale, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Sociologie, Psychologie, Histoire des institutions et du droit I et II, etc.*

### Languages

Language learning is progressive:

- in year 1, students take an English language course and 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 English and a course in legal Dutch, aimed at enabling students to consult legal documentation in the language studied
- in year 3, the optional course can be taken in English: EU Politics or Law and Tech Governance.

### Optional courses

In year 3, students take an optional course unit.

### Seminar on legal theory

Final assignment for the bachelor's degree.

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Year

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- BHDDR1111 - [Roman Foundations and elements of history of Private Law](#)
- BHDDR1361** "[Justice et politique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1112 ET BHDDR1110
- BHDDR1112 - [Sources and principles of law](#)
  - BHDDR1110 - [Constitutional Law I](#)
- BHDPO1315** "[EU politics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1121
- BHDDR1121 - [History of institutions and law I \(Middle Ages - Ancien Régime\)](#)
- BSPOL1210** "[Sociologie politique](#)" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1125
- BHDPO1125 - [Sociology](#)

## The programme's courses and learning outcomes

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For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

## Detailed programme per annual block

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### *DRDB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT*

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- 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
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○ BHDDR1130	Seminar of Legal Methodology	Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin	FC [q1+q2] [15h] [4 Credits]
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○ Languages

○ BHDDR1140	English Language	Erwin Ochsenmeier
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**DRDB1BA - 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...)

**o Content:****o Joint courses**

○ BHDDR1314	Personal, family and matrimonial agreement law + Exercise sessions with casus ■	Jehanne Sosson Fabienne Tainmont	(FR) [q1] [60h +9h] [8 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1313	EU law foundations + exercices with casus ■ <i>Les étudiants suivent les deux UE de Droit des personnes, de la famille et des régimes matrimoniaux et Fondements institutionnels du droit européen mais seulement un des deux TP avec casus associés. Les 2 crédits nécessaires à cet effet sont soustraits de l'UE dont les TP avec casus ne seront pas suivis.</i>	Carinne Pochet	(FR) [q1] [45h +9h] [7 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1312	Contract law and civil liability law + Exercices session with casus ■	Catherine Delforge	(FR) [q2] [45h +9h] [7 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1317	Natural Law ■	Jérémie Van Meerbeeck	(FR) [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1318A	Labour Law ■		

⌘ BHDDR1361	Justice and Politics 🇺🇸	Sébastien Van Drooghenbroeck (compensates Xavier Delgrange)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇺🇸	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique (coord.)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BSPOL1210	Political sociology 🇺🇸	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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## DRDB1BA - 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.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### **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:

## Contacts

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### Faculty administration

Evening programmes

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### Curriculum Management

Faculty

Structure entity

Denomination

Sector

Acronym

Postal address

SSH/DRTB

Faculty of Law Saint-Louis ([DRTB](#))

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

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