

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

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **optional**

Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **optional**

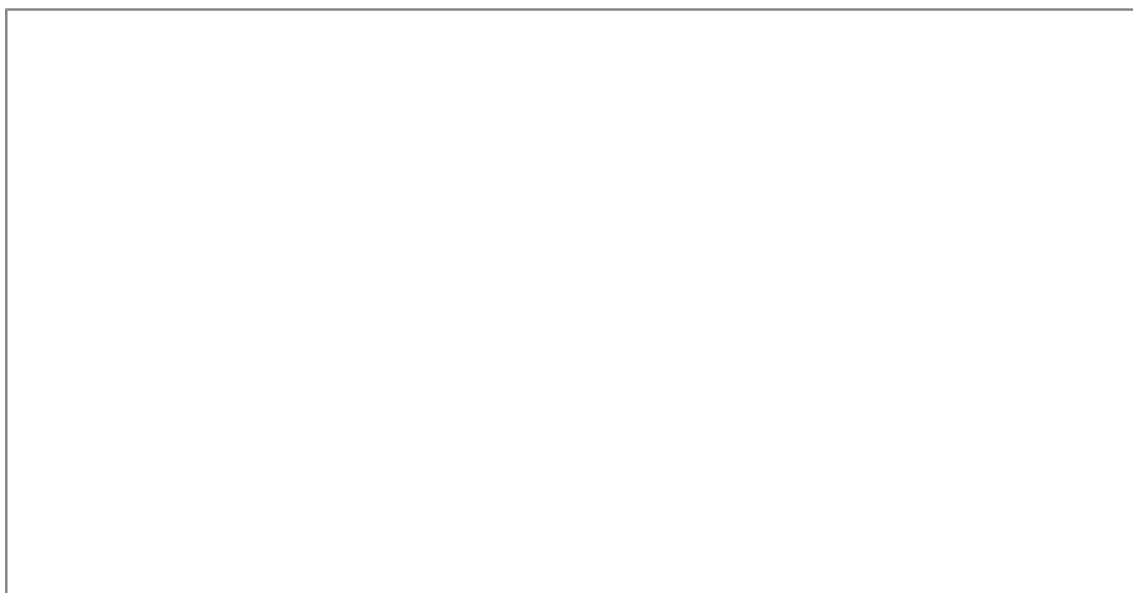
Activities on other sites : **YES**

Main study domain : **Sciences juridiques**

Organized by: **Faculty of Law Saint-Louis (Droit-SaintLouis)**

Programme acronym: **DRAB1BA** - Francophone Certification Framework: 6

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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 solid academic 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

- 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.

DRAB1BA - Teaching profile

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.

II. Specific legal knowledge

- **A command of the concepts, rules and principles of the majority of the branches of Belgian and European law, as well as a familiarisation with a few key concepts in branches of law studied in a master's programme, such as international private law, international public law and tax law.**

Examples: Fondements romains et éléments d'Histoire du droit privé, 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 ; les unités d'enseignement optionnelles à composante juridique, le Stage d'observation de la pratique juridique; les Travaux pratiques sans casus.

- **A command of the secondary principles which connect the formal sources of law and an understanding of law as a 'system'.**

Examples: Sources et principe du droit, Droit constitutionnel I et II, Introduction critique à la pensée juridique contemporaine.

- **Critical analytical skills with respect to the law through a grounding in the theory and philosophy of law and an awareness of the relative and changing nature of legal remedies and the controversies which they can generate.**

Examples: Droit naturel, Introduction critique à la pensée juridique contemporaine, Séminaire de théorie du droit, Exercices pratiques de droit (travaux pratiques avec casus), Law Clinic, Moot Courts.

III. A grounding in the scientific method

- **A command of the methods and tools of legal documentary research (legislation, case law and doctrine) so as to be able to**

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

Year

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● BDROI1311	General commercial law (+ exercise sessions without casus)	Thierry Léonard Jean-Ferdinand Puyraimond	
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⌘ BDRAN1360



Alternatives

> [Bachelor in Law French-English \(and French-English-Dutch\) \[TRILINGUAL VERSION\]](https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-drab1ba-programme) [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-drab1ba-programme>]

BACHELOR IN LAW FRENCH-ENGLISH (AND FRENCH-ENGLISH-DUTCH) [TRILINGUAL VERSION]

- Mandatory
- ✂ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊙ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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...)

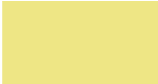
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● BDRO1122	Philosophy	
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DRAB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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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DRAB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

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- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 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 ■	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] 🌐
○ BDROI1311	General commercial law (+ exercise sessions without casus) ■	Thierry Léonard Jean-Ferdinand Puyraimond	FR [q2] [60h +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1318	Labour Law (+exercises session without casus) ■	Amaury Arnould	FR [q1] [45h +6h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1319	Procedure Law (+ exercises session without casus) ■	Arnaud Hoc Jean-François Van Drooghenbroeck	FR [q2] [45h +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1310	Administrative Law + Exercises session with casus ■	Pierre-Olivier de Broux François Tulkens	FR [q1] [60h +9h] [6 Credits] 🌐
○ BDROI1316	Law, ethics and politics ■	Jogchum Vrieling	NL [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1363	Intellectual Property Law ■	Luc Desaunettes (compensates Alain Strowel)	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BDRAN1310	EU Law : Foundations (+ exercises session without casus) ■	Antonios Antoniadis Jonathan Bauerschmidt Vincent Delhomme	FR [q1] [45h +6h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BDRAN1320	Natural Law ■	Jérémie Van Meerbeeck	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐

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o Seminar in Legal Theory

For the French-English programme : choose between Seminar in Legal Theory (and one optional course) or Seminar in Legal theory and Law Clinic. In this case, the number of placed is limited to twenty allowed and students are eventually invited to choose another optional course.

⊗ BDRAN1230	Seminar in Legal Theory ■		
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Optional courses

The student chooses one course in 2nd year and one course in 3rd year (or none in 3rd year if Seminar in Legal Theory and Law Clinic).

✘ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations 🟡	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BDRAN1266	Data Law and Innovation	Alain Strowel	EN [q2] [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)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BDRAN1370	Internship in the Legal Practice	Diletta Tatti (coord.)	EN [q1+q2] [0h +60h] [5 Credits] 🌐

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](#) 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 2024-2025, you must have obtained your diploma during the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 ou 2023-2024. 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 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](#).

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 \(non-residents\)](#).

- 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 \(non-residents\)](#).

- 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 \(non-residents\)](#).

- 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 \(non-residents\)](#).

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 \(fr\)](#).

- Access to **Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering**

The Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering is a joint program organised by KU Leuven and UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles. In order to register, all candidate must first submit an application via the [KU Leuven admission platform](#)

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](#). 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.

- [Program for the students in Law French/English](#)
- [Program for the students in Law French/English/Dutch](#)

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.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

