

DRNB1BA - Introduction

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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-Dutch 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

- 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]

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DRNB1BA - 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 use them for personal academic work.

Examples: *Séminaire de méthodologie juridique, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Séminaire de théorie du droit*

- The ability to conduct independent academic research in compliance with scientific ethics.

Examples: *l'ensemble des travaux rédactionnels menés dans : les Séminaires de sciences humaines, le Séminaire de méthodologie juridique, le Séminaire de théorie du droit, les Exercices pratiques de droit (travaux pratiques avec casus)*

IV. The skills required for analysis, reflection and argumentation based on concrete situations

- The ability to analyse a situation (individual or group) by making use of legal and/or non-legal knowledge acquired elsewhere, identify possible solutions, evaluate their relevance and choose the most appropriate one.

- Critical thinking skills.

- The ability to construct a reasoned argument.

- The ability to elaborate independent, coherent and relevant thinking in a legal context, as well as creative/original thinking;

Examples: *Exercices pratiques de droit (travaux pratiques avec casus) en droit constitutionnel, en procédure pénale, en droit des obligations, en droit des contrats et de la responsabilité civile, en droit administratif, en droit des personnes, de la famille et des régimes matrimoniaux, ou encore, en Fondements institutionnels du droit européen, Moot Courts.*

V. High-level written and oral communication skills in French and a target language

- The ability to communicate an idea and/or a legal argument in writing and orally, and to defend it convincingly.

Examples: *examens oraux et écrits de type « questions ouvertes », les Séminaires de sciences humaines, le Séminaire de méthodologie juridique, le Séminaire de théorie du droit, les Exercices pratiques de droit (travaux pratiques avec casus).*

- The ability to understand, study and render theoretical content in two languages other than French, at least passively (English and Dutch).

Examples: *Year 1: Langue anglaise; Year 2: Anglais juridique; Year 3: deux UE obligatoirement en néerlandais (Recht, Ethisiek en Politiek et Intellectueel Eigendomsrecht).*

- Knowledge of the specific cultural and legal environment of the target language.

Examples: *Mediarecht, Economisch Recht, specific activities carried out as part of the legal Dutch course*

- Ability to conduct legal research and present it in a well-argued manner, both orally and in writing, in the target language(s).

Examples: *Travaux pratiques avec casus en néerlandais, Seminarie Rechtstheorie*

Transferable skills

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

- perfected their command of the French and Dutch 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-Dutch 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, Inleiding tot de Rechtswetenschap, Droit constitutionnel I et II, Droit des biens, Droit pénal, Procédure pénale, Fondements institutionnels du droit européen, Verbintenisrecht, Mediarecht, Droit des contrats et de la responsabilité civile, Droit du travail, Droit administratif, Personen-, familie- en familiaalvermogensrecht, Economisch recht, Droit judiciaire, etc.

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

Examples: Philosophie, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Sociologie, Psychologie, Histoire des institutions et du droit I, Geschiedenis van het publiekrecht, etc.

Languages

Language learning is progressive. In addition to part of the course taught in Dutch, students follow:

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

Optional courses

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

Trilingual French-Dutch-English

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 English.

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.

Seminarie Rechtstheorie: final assignment for the bachelor's degree.

DRNB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- 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...)

Year

1 2 3

o Content:

o Joint courses

<input checked="" type="radio"/> BDROI1122	Philosophy	Diane Bernard Jeanne-Marie Roux	FR [q1+q2] [90h] [8 Credits]	x
<input checked="" type="radio"/> BDROI1123	Psychology	Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q2] [60h] [5 Credits]	x
<input checked="" type="radio"/> EMHUB1120	Sociology		NL [q2] [30h] [3 Credits]	x
<input checked="" type="radio"/> BDROI1120	History of the institutions and law I (Middle Ages - Ancient Regime)			

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● BDROI1316	Law, ethics and politics	Jogchum Vrielink	NL [q2] [30h] [4 Credits]	x
● BDROI1370	Intellectual property law	Sari Depreeuw	NL [q1] [30h] [4 Credits]	x
● BDRAN1310	EU Law : Foundations (+ exercises session without casus)	Antonios Antoniadis Jonathan Bauerschmidt Vincent Delhomme	EN [q1] [45h+6h] [5 Credits]	x
● BDRNL1350	Seminar in Legal Theory	Evelyne Lozie Maes Jogchum Vrielink	NL [q1+q2] [30h] [4 Credits]	x

● Languages

● BDROI1140	English language	Gerlanda Cipolla Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Melissa Uzumcuoglu	EN [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [4 Credits]	x
● BDROI1242	Legal English	Catarina Deraedt	EN [q1] [30h] [4 Credits]	x

● Optional courses

L'étudiant-e inscrit-e au programme bilingue français - néerlandais choisit un cours à option au bloc 2 et deux au bloc 3.

L'étudiant-e inscrit-e au programme bilingue français - néerlandais, 3e langue : anglais choisit un cours à option au bloc 2 et deux au bloc 3 dont un obligatoirement en anglais.

✉ BDROI1265	Legal German	
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Alternatives

> Bachelor in Law French-Dutch (and French-Dutch-English) [TRILINGUAL VERSION] [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-drnb1ba-programme>]

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

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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
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Year

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○ BDROI1122 Philosophy

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● BDROI1312A	Contract law + Exercises session with casus ☰	Catherine Delforge	FR [q1] [30h+9h] [4 Credits] ☰	☒ x
● EMHUB1380	Individuals, Family and Family Property Right ☰			

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.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

Prerequisites list

BCOMU1211

- BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercises session with casus
 - BDROI1214 - Criminal procedure - + Exercises session with casus
- BDROI1340** "Théorie générale de l'Etat et de l'Union européenne" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1110 ET EMHUB1110 ET BDRNL1130
 - BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I
 - EMHUB1110 - Introduction to legal sciences
 - BDRNL1130 - Seminaire on the Sources and Principles of Law
- BDROI1355** "Modes alternatifs de résolution des conflits" has prerequisite(s) BDRNL1130 ET EMHUB1110 ET BDROI1111
 - BDRNL1130 - Seminaire on the Sources and Principles of Law
 - EMHUB1110 - Introduction to legal sciences
 - BDROI1111 - Roman foundations and history of private law
- BDROI1365** "Introduction au droit de l'environnement" has prerequisite(s) BDRNL1130 ET EMHUB1110 ET BDROI1110
 - BDRNL1130 - Seminaire on the Sources and Principles of Law
 - EMHUB1110 - Introduction to legal sciences
 - BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I
- BDROI1366** "Questions approfondies de droit pénal et de procédure pénale" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1213 ET BDROI1214 ET BDRNL1130 ET EMHUB1110
 - BDROI1213 - Criminal Law
 - BDROI1214 - Criminal procedure - + Exercises session with casus
 - BDRNL1130 - Seminaire on the Sources and Principles of Law
 - EMHUB1110 - Introduction to legal sciences
- BDROI1367** "Clinique juridique "Les Surligneurs"" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1125
 - BDROI1125 - Criticism of information sources and seminar in human sciences
- BDROI1369** "Stage d'observation de la pratique juridique" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1211 ET BDROI1214 ET EMHUB1280 ET BDROI1213
 - BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercises session with casus
 - BDROI1214 - Criminal procedure - + Exercises session with casus
 - EMHUB1280 - Verbintenissenrecht + Werkcolleges
 - BDROI1213 - Criminal Law
- BDROI1370** "Intellectueel eigendomsrecht" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1218
 - BDROI1218 - Property Law (+ exercises session without cases)
- BECGE1212** "Economie publique" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1220
 - BDROI1220 - Economics
- BECGE1214** "Management humain" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1220
 - BDROI1220 - Economics
- BECGE1216** "Human Resource Management" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1220
 - BDROI1220 - Economics
- BECGE1322** "Marketing" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1220
 - BDROI1220 - Economics
- BESPO1360**

● BDROI1130

DRNB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- 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
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- [FR]

☒ BSPOL1322	Public Policy Analysis 	Youri Vertongen (compensates Amandine Orsini) Youri Vertongen (compensates Abraham Franssen)	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDROI1352	Clinique juridique bell hooks droit et genre	Sophie Vincent	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDROI1367	Law Clinic "Les Surligneurs" 	Thierry Léonard Jogchum Vrielink	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDROI1371	Concours de plaidoiries		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BCOMU1211	Corporate communication and public relations 	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDRAN1266	Data Law and Innovation		

DRNB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- 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...)

○ Content:

○ Joint courses

● BDROI1312A	Contract law + Exercises session with casus 	Catherine Delforge	FR [q1] [30h +9h] [4 Credits] 

☒ BDROI1352	Clinique juridique bell hooks droit et genre	Sophie Vincent	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDROI1367	Law Clinic "Les Surligneurs"	Thierry Léonard Jogchum Vrielink	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BDROI1371	Concours de plaidoiries		FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ 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]
☒ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BCOMU1314	Information and communication law	Enguerrand Marique Alain Strowel	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BHDPO1321	Law, Governance and Sustainable development	Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.) Delphine Misonne	FR [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BECGE1212	Public economics	Gilles Grandjean	FR [q2] [45h +15h] [5 Credits]
☒ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits]
☒ BHDPO1315	EU spdtcs		

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- 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](#)

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 **master's degree** enables students to acquire more advanced knowledge in their field, as well as the skills and expertise needed to practise a profession in law, education or research. The basic programme may be supplemented by a 60-credit, one-year **advanced master's degree**.

On completion of the bachelor's degree in law, students have direct access to the master's degree in law. In addition, certain master's degrees are accessible to students with a bachelor's degree in law, either directly (e.g. the master's degree in European studies), or through the completion of elective courses (e.g. the following three courses: Introduction à la pensée pénale et criminologique II, Questions spéciales de psychologie en rapport avec le droit et les sciences humaines, Questions approfondies de droit pénal et de procédure pénale, in order to gain access to the master's degree in criminology).

Master's degrees available at UCLouvain

Direct access

- [Master \[120\] in Law \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Law \(shift schedule\) \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)

Other programmes available

- [Master \[120\] in Criminology \(Louvain-la-Neuve\) \(see also above\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in European Studies \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Journalism \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Family and Sexuality Studies \(Louvain-la-Neuve\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] in Communication \(shift schedule\) \(Mons\)](#)
- [Master \[120\] of strategic communication \(shift schedule - with work-linked-training\) \(Mons\)](#)

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