



DRDB1BA - Introduction

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.

The evening programme is particularly suited to those who wish to further their education or redirect it, move forward in their career or undertake studies while working or looking for a job during the day.

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 UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles evening law programme:

- **A teaching approach specifically designed for adults, based on:**

- Interactions and exchanges between teaching staff and students;
- Practical application through examples, illustrations, exercises and assignments, etc., but also because in many cases, the teaching staff and experts involved in the programme are practitioners themselves.
- Support materials, often very comprehensive, available to students.

- **Interdisciplinarity:** the programme puts the law into context by addressing the disciplines which it is based on (sociology, history, philosophy, psychology, etc.).

- **Language learning:** students can learn Dutch and English

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Programme structure

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, 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, students follow one course in English (EU law foundations) and one course in Dutch (Intellectueel Eigendomsrecht).

Optional courses

In year 3, students take an optional course unit.

Seminar on legal theory

Final assignment for the bachelor's degree.

DRDB1BA Programme

Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
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- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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- [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:

Joint courses

○ BHDDR1160	Philosophy and moral philosophy	Jeanne-Marie Roux	FR [q1+q2] [90h] [10 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BHDDR1124	Psychology	Mauricio Garcia Penafiel	FR [q1] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐	X		
○ BHDPO1125	Sociology	Sociology				

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○ BHDDR1112	Sources and principles of law	Edouard Cruysmans Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.)	FR [q1+q2] [67.5h] [7 Credits] 🌐	x		
○ BHDDR1111	Roman Foundations and elements of history of Private Law	Annette Ruelle	FR [q2] [67.5h] [7 Credits] 🌐	x		
○ BHDDR1110	Constitutional Law I	Mathias El Berhoumi	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐	x		
○ BHDDR1125	Criticism of information sources and seminar in humanities	Romain Landmeters Céline Rase Quentin Verreycken	FR [q1+q2] [45h] [4 Credits] 🌐	x		
○ BHDDR1130	Seminar of Legal Methodology	Thibaut Slingeneyer de Goeswin	FR [q1+q2] [15h] [4 Credits] 🌐	x		
○ BHDDR1213	Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus	Laurent Debroux (compensates Pierre Jadoul) Jean-François Germain (compensates Pierre Jadoul)	FR [q1] [60h+9h] [8 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDPO1220A	Constitutional Law II - + Exercices session with casus	Mathias El Berhoumi	FR [q2] [30h+9h] [6 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1215	Criminal Law procedure + Exercices session with casus <i>Les étudiants suivent les deux UE de Droit constitutionnel II et Procédure pénale 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 sont pas suivis.</i>	Olivia Nederlandt	FR [q2] [30h+9h] [6 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1214	Criminal Law	Christine Guillain	FR [q1] [60h] [8 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1220	History of institutions and law II (Contemporary period)	Antoine Renglet	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1216	Critical Introduction to Contemporary Legal Thought	Sandrine Brachotte (compensates Diane Bernard)	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1211	Constitutional Law III: Public freedoms	Youri Mossoux (compensates Isabelle Hachez)	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BDROI1218A	Property Law	Nicolas Bernard	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDPO1122	Economics	Xavier Wauthy	FR [q2] [45h+15h] [8 Credits] 🌐		x	
○ BHDDR1312						

o Languages

o BHDDR1140	English Language	Françoise Longrée (coord.) Erwin Ochsenmeier	EN [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [4 Credits]	X		
o BHDDR1150	Dutch Language	Isolde Boutsen (coord.) Astrid De Munter (coord.)	FR [q1+q2] [0h+30h] [4 Credits]	X		
o BHDDR1242	Legal English	Catarina Deraedt	EN [q1] [30h] [4 Credits]		X	
o BHDDR1254	Legal Dutch	Dries Van Eeckhoutte	NL [q2] [30h+0h] [4 Credits]		X	

o Optional courses

Students must take one of the following optional courses.

⊗ BDROI1367	Law Clinic "Les Surligneurs"	Thierry Léonard Jogchum Vrielink	FR [q1+q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BHDPO1315	EU politics	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BHDDR1360	Introduction to comparative law	François van der Mensbrugge	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BHDDR1361	Justice and Politics	Xavier Delgrange	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BSPOL1210	Political sociology	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits]			X
⊗ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues					

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.

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

- BDRAN1360** "Law and Tech Governance" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1110 ET BHDDR1112
- BHDDR1110 - Constitutional Law I
 - BHDDR1112 - Sources and principles of law
- BDROI1318A** "Droit du travail" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1213 ET BHDPO1220A
- BHDDR1213 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
 - BHDPO1220A - Constitutional Law II - + Exercises session with casus
- BDROI1367** "Clinique juridique "Les Surligneurs"" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1125
- BHDDR1125 - Criticism of information sources and seminar in humanities
- BDROI1370** "Intellectueel eigendomsrecht" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1218A
- BDROI1218A - Property Law
- BHDDR1242** "Anglais juridique" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1140
- BHDDR1140 - English Language
- BHDDR1254** "Néerlandais juridique" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1150
- BHDDR1150 - Dutch Language
- BHDDR1310** "Droit administratif" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1110 ET BHDPO1220A
- BHDDR1110 - Constitutional Law I
 - BHDPO1220A - Constitutional Law II - + Exercises session with casus
- BHDDR1311** "Droit de l'entreprise" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1213
- BHDDR1213 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
- BHDDR1312** "Droit des contrats et de la responsabilité civile + Travaux pratiques avec casus associés" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1111 ET BHDDR1213 ET BDROI1218A
- BHDDR1111 - Roman Foundations and elements of history of Private Law
 - BHDDR1213 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
 - BDROI1218A - Property Law
- BHDDR1314** "Droit des personnes, de la famille et des régimes matrimoniaux + Travaux pratiques avec casus associés" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1111 ET BHDDR1213 ET BHDDR1220
- BHDDR1111 - Roman Foundations and elements of history of Private Law
 - BHDDR1213 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
 - BHDDR1220 - History of institutions and law II (Contemporary period)
- BHDDR1316** "Droit judiciaire" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1220A ET BHDDR1215
- BHDPO1220A - Constitutional Law II - + Exercises session with casus
 - BHDDR1215 - Criminal Law procedure + Exercises session with casus
- BHDDR1317** "Droit naturel" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1216
- BHDDR1216 - Critical Introduction to Contemporary Legal Thought
- BHDDR1319** "EU law foundations + Travaux pratiques avec casus associés" has prerequisite(s) BHDPO1220A ET BHDDR1110
- BHDPO1220A - Constitutional Law II - + Exercises session with casus
 - BHDDR1110 - Constitutional Law I
- BHDDR1330** "Séminaire de théorie du droit" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1216 ET BHDDR1213 ET BHDDR1160
- BHDDR1216 - Critical Introduction to Contemporary Legal Thought
 - BHDDR1213 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus
 - BHDDR1160 - Philosophy and moral philosophy
- BHDDR1360** "Introduction au droit comparé" has prerequisite(s) BHDDR1112 ET BHDDR1111
- BHDDR1112 - Sources and principles of law
 - 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

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

DRDB1BA - 1ST ANNUAL UNIT

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● BHDPO1125	Sociology	Abraham Franssen	[FR] [q1+q2] [45h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1121	History of institutions and law I (Middle Ages - Ancien Régime)	Serge Dauchy	[FR] [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1112	Sources and principles of law	Edouard Cruysmans Marie-Sophie de Clippele (coord.)	[FR] [q1+q2] [67.5h] [7 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1111	Roman Foundations and elements of history of Private Law	Annette Ruelle	[FR] [q2] [67.5h] [7 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1110	Constitutional Law I	Mathias El Berhouni	[FR] [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1125			

DRDB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

- 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...)

o Content:**o Joint courses**

○ BHDDR1213	Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus	Laurent Debroux (compensates Pierre Jadoul) Jean-François Germain (compensates Pierre Jadoul)	[FR] [q1] [60h] +9h] [8 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDPO1220A	Constitutional Law II - + Exercices session with casus	Mathias El Berhouni	[FR] [q2] [30h] +9h] [6 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1215	Criminal Law procedure + Exercices session with casus <i>Les étudiants suivent les deux UE de Droit constitutionnel II et Procédure pénale 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 sont pas suivis.</i>	Olivia Nederlandt	[FR] [q2] [30h] +9h] [6 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1214	Criminal Law	Christine Guillain	[FR] [q1] [60h] [8 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1220	History of institutions and law II (Contemporary period)	Antoine Renglet	[FR] [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
○ BHDDR1216			

DRDB1BA - 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...)

o Content:

o Joint courses

● BHDDR1312	Contract law and civil liability law + Exercises session with casus ■	Catherine Delforge	(FR) [q2] [45h +9h] [7 Credits] 🌐
● BHDDR1314			

⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇯🇵	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BSPOL1210	Political sociology 🇯🇵	Yannick Vanderborght	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BDURA1000	Environmental Challenges and Issues	Christine Frison	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

DRDB1BA - Information

Access Requirements

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

- 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 \(fr\)](#).

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:

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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)

Contacts

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Evening programmes

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