

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 and a legal course of year 3 is taught in Dutch.
- **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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- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
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[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

Year

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				Year		
				1	2	3
<input checked="" type="radio"/> BDROI1311	General commercial law (+ exercise sessions without casus)	Thierry Léonard Jean-Ferdinand Puyraimond	PK [q2] [60h+6h] [5 Credits]			x
<input checked="" type="radio"/> BDROI1318						

				Year		
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⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇺🇸	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1371	Moot court		EN [q2] [0h+30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x
⊗ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment 🇺🇸	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐		x	x

Alternatives

<input checked="" type="radio"/> BFILO1116	Moral philosophy	
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⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 	Valentina Brogna (compensates) Amandine Orsini	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1370	Internship in the Legal Practice		FR [q1+q2] [0h+60h] [5 Credits] 		x	x
⊗ 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
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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

BCOMU1211 "[Corporate communication and public relations](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1125

- [BDROI1125 - Criticism of information sources and seminar in human sciences](#)

BDRAN1230 "[Seminar in Legal Theory](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1216 ET BDROI1212 ET BFILO1116

- [BDRAN1216 - Legal Theory](#)
- [BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus](#)
- [BFILO1116 - Moral philosophy](#)

BDRAN1262 "[Introduction to Comparative Law](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1112 ET BDROI1111

- [BDROI1112 - Sources and principles of law](#)
- [BDROI1111 - Roman foundations and history of private law](#)

BDRAN1265 "[Law and Religion](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1110 ET BDROI1112

- [BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I](#)
- [BDROI1112 - Sources and principles of law](#)

BDRAN1310 "[EU Law : Foundations \(+ travaux pratiques sans casus\)](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1211 ET BDROI1110

- [BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercises session with casus](#)
- [BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I](#)

BDRAN1320 "[Natural Law](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1216

- [BDRAN1216 - Legal Theory](#)

BDRAN1351 "[Seminar in Legal Theory and Law Clinic](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1216 ET BDROI1212 ET BFILO1116

- [BDRAN1216 - Legal Theory](#)
- [BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercises session with casus](#)
- [BFILO1116 - Moral philosophy](#)

BDRAN1360 "[Law and Tech Governance](#)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1110 ET BDROI1112

- [BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I](#)
- [BDROI1112 - Sources and principles of law](#)

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- Activity with requisites
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⌘ BESPO1360	Ethics and the economy 🇺🇸	Yannick Vanderborgh	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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DRAB1BA - 3RD ANNUAL UNIT

- Mandatory
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 - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
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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) Amandine Orsini	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⊗ BDRAN1370	Internship in the Legal Practice		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.

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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.

- 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 \(fr\)](#).

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)

Contacts

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