



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.

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 through the development of specific knowledge and an understanding of legal vocabulary. In year 3, the student is required to follow a legal course in Dutch and a legal course in English.
- **Links with practice:** the programme includes many practical exercises and seminars providing a background in written and oral communication.
- **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.

DRDB1BA - 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 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, 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).

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 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 of legal analysis and application of law to concrete situations ((Critical thinking skills.))

- **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.

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
- 🚫 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

○ BHDDR1160	Philosophy and moral philosophy	Jeanne-Marie Roux	FR [q1+q2] [90h] [10 Credits]	🌐	X
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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						

Year

1 2 3

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

● BHDDR1130

Seminar of Legal Methodology

Thibaut Slingeneyer
de Goeswin

DRDB1BA - 2ND ANNUAL UNIT

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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 Berhoumi	[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</i> <i>1295.802 6002 11.338 I 1 11.338 I h W n 1 G [] 0 d 22.62 8 Tf 1 0 0 -1 0 1p 0 - 8 e mai Tm ulem0 28unm [9300079TP avec étudiants</i>		

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 ■	
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⊗ 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

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.

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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