

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 gkingughr. m 0 -1 2:eneoiety.

- [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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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

Examples: Introduction to the Culture of the English-Speaking World, Philosophie, Critique des sources de l'information et séminaires de sciences humaines, Political Science, Psychologie, Geopolitics, Legal History, etc.

Languages

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

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

Optional courses

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

Trilingual French-English-Dutch

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 Dutch.

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

				Year		
				1	2	3
⌘ 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

				Year		
				1	2	3
● BFILO1116	Moral philosophy	Raphaël Gély	PK [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 		x	
● BDROI1218	Property Law (+ exercises session without cases)					

				Year		
				1	2	3
⊗ BSPOL1215	International Organizations 	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 		x	x
⊗ BDRAN1370	Internship in the Legal Practice	Diletta Tatti (coord.)	EN [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
⊗ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 			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

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, it is only programme year prerequisites that 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, f the year1[] Oct.890dit61 Onn

- BDROI1153 - Dutch Language
- BDROI1310** "Droit administratif + Travaux pratiques avec casus associés" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1211 ET BDROI1110
 - BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercices session with casus
 - BDROI1110 - Constitutional Law I
- BDROI1311** "Droit de l'entreprise (+ travaux pratiques sans casus)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1212
 - BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus
- BDROI1312** "Droit des contrats et de la responsabilité civile + Travaux pratiques avec casus associés" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1212 ET BDROI1218 ET BDROI1111
 - BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus
 - BDROI1218 - Property Law (+ exercices session without cases)
 - BDROI1111 - Roman foundations and history of private law
- BDROI1314** "Droit des personnes, de la famille et des régimes matrimoniaux (+ travaux pratiques sans casus)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1212 ET BDROI1111 ET BDRAN1217
 - BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus
 - BDROI1111 - Roman foundations and history of private law
 - BDRAN1217 - Legal History
- BDROI1316** "Recht, ethiek en politiek" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1216
 - BDRAN1216 - Legal Theory
- BDROI1318** "Droit du travail (+ travaux pratiques sans casus)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1211 ET BDROI1212
 - BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercices session with casus
 - BDROI1212 - Law of Obligations + Exercices session with casus
- BDROI1319** "Droit judiciaire (+ travaux pratiques sans casus)" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1211 ET BDROI1214
 - BDROI1211 - Constitutional Law + Exercices session with casus
 - BDROI1214 - Criminal procedure - + Exercices session with casus
- BECGE1216** "Human Resource Management" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1220
 - BDRAN1220 - Economics
- BESPO1360** "Ethics and the economy" has prerequisite(s) BFILO1116 ET BDRAN1220
 - BFILO1116 - Moral philosophy
 - BDRAN1220 - Economics
- BHDDR1363** "Intellectual Property Law" has prerequisite(s) BDROI1218
 - BDROI1218 - Property Law (+ exercices session without cases)
- BHDPO1315** "EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1164
 - BESPO1164 - Geopolitics
- BPOLS1321** "Society and Environment" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1165
 - BDRAN1165 - Political Science
- BSPOL1215** "International Organizations" has prerequisite(s) BDRAN1165
 - BDRAN1165 - Political Science

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

DRAB1BA - 1ST 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 \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

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DRAB1BA - 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
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

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⌘ 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] 🌐
⌘ BDRAN1262	Introduction to Comparative Law 🇫🇷	Nicolas de Sadeleer	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BDRAN1265	Law and Religion 🇫🇷	Jogchum Vrielink	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BDRAN1360	Law and Tech Governance 🇫🇷	Mona Giacometti Charles-Albert Helleputte Enguerrand Marique	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BDRAN1371	Moot court		EN [q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
⌘ BPOLS1321	Society and Environment 🇫🇷	Benedikte Zitouni	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

DRAB1BA - 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...)

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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]

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 field of the programme of the University of the Community of Belgium;
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 Roydbove-durindDecretituyamination board of the

- 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)

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](#).

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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Denomination

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Sector

Human Sciences ([SSH](#))

Acronym

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