

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits	4.0	Study time	120 h	Contact hrs	30.0 h
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 1)	Dutch	self-reliant study activities	5.0 h
		lecture	25.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

	crdts	offering
Master of Laws in Laws	4	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Legal Ethics, legal professions, basis of the rules, objectives, sanctions

Position of the course

The practice of various legal professions not only requires a good knowledge of the law, but also a respect for the fundamental principles of legal ethics. Competence, independency, loyalty and confidentiality are important attitudes to be observed.

The students attention will be drawn to a number of important written and unwritten rules of legal ethics.

Contents

The necessity of the course at the end of the study program will be clarified and justified in a general introduction. The importance of the rules, the distinction between legal ethics on one hand and penal law and disciplinary rules on the other hand, will be analysed.

Attention will be paid to the rules of legal ethics, to which judges, lawyers, bailiffs, notary publics are subjected to. The basis of these rules and the sanctions of infringements thereof will be analysed. Practical issues will be studied on the basis of concrete cases.

Initial competences

The student is supposed to have acquired a thorough knowledge of the different domains of the law. They want to specialize in a certain branch in view of their future profession. Therefore, they have to obtain a good understanding of the difficulties, that may occur in the exercise of different legal professions as a consequence of the fundamental rules of legal ethics, proper to the profession.

Final competences

- 1 Thorough knowledge of the actual discussions in the field
- 2 be able to formulate a personal view on the basis of judicial argumentation
- 3 They have to know the restrictions they are subjected to while exercising their future profession.
- 4 Ability to solve different situations, that may occur when exercising a legal profession, in such a way that the rules of legal ethics are respected for.

5 be aware of the responsibility of the judicial functions for the community

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, self-reliant study activities

Learning materials and price

Reader to be completed through Minerva with recent jurisprudence and regulations discussed during the lessons.

References

Yearly actualised survey of recent publications, mentioned in the course

Course content-related study coaching

Students may contact the teacher.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written examen