

Law and Multiculturalism (B001423)

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

Credits 4.0 Study time 120 h Contact hrs 30.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

Deze cursus is 2-jaarlijks en wordt niet aangeboden

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

rights of minorities, multicultural society, Church and State, diversity, pluralism

Position of the course

However we think about it, the new cultural and religious diversity in the Belgian / European society is an irreversible reality that raises questions in many areas, including law. Based on current topics we will examine how our law handles / can deal with multiculturalism. The discussions are framed in various perspectives: pluralism, church / state relations, minority rights ...

Contents

- Theories about multiculturalism
- Discussion of current issues related to multiculturalism and Belgian/European law (for example: education, religion in the workplace, religious food laws, religious signs, ...)

Initial competences

Initial competences are the final competences of Third Bachelor Law.
Good passive knowledge of the English language

Final competences

- 1 Knowledge of analytics for a correct contextual and contemporary interpretation of pluralistic law
- 2 A knowledge based, critical but nuanced attitude toward multicultural influence on law and the legal implications of religion in general on European societies
- 3 Ability to correctly interpret actual trends and situations involving multiculturalism and law and the relationship between law and religion.
- 4 Identifying the ideological, religious, political and social problems that underly judicial rules
- 5 Having a critical attitude towards the applicable law
- 6 Realise the limits of the law as a social instrument
- 7 Integration of cultural sensitivity, respect for diversity, pluralism and tolerance in the scientific work and in the functioning as a starting lawyer
- 8 Insights in current problems related to multiculturalism and Belgian/European law
- 9 Insights in complementary domains of law and multidisciplinary questions

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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods

Seminars, student participation, student presentations and discussions, guest lectures
The aim of the seminars is that the lecturer creates added value together with students on the basis of texts previously read by the students. Students are expected to actively participate in class and to work independently.

Students are encouraged to attend lectures, debates and other relevant events outside the classroom.

Learning materials and price

Reader, available on Minerva
Powerpoint presentations, available on Minerva
Student presentations, available on Minerva

References

Course content-related study coaching

The students can download the powerpoint presentations and the literature on Minerva. There is possibility to ask questions during and after the lectures, via e-mail and after appointment with the lecturer or the assistant.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

Written examination with open questions, written examination, open book examination

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

Written examination with open questions, written examination, open book examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation, assignment, report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Permanent evaluation (50%): Class participation and one or more small tasks. The aim of the seminars is that the lecturer creates added value together with the students on the basis of texts previously read by the students.

Periodic evaluation (50%): The written open book exam aims to test the writing skills, the student's capacity for independent reasoning and his/her ability of to manage, interpret and handle the course materials.

Calculation of the examination mark

Permanent evaluation (50%); Periodic evaluation (end-of-term evaluation) (50%).

Students are obliged to take part in both non periodic and periodic evaluations in order to qualify to pass. Students who do not participate in all evaluations achieve maximum 7/20 for this course.

Second chance for the permanent evaluation is only possible for students who failed the permanent evaluation and who also failed overall. Second chance: Permanent evaluation (50%); Periodic evaluation (re-examination) (50%).

Facilities for Working Students

- no evening classes, no distance learning
- independently studying this course is not possible
- possibility to write a paper