

Economic Analysis of Law (F000530)

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

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 30.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2) Dutch lecture 30.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Depoorter, Ben RE21 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	5	A
Bachelor of Science in Economics	5	A
Bachelor of Science in Business Economics	5	A
Master of Science in Business Engineering (main subject Data Analytics)	5	A
Master of Science in Business Engineering (main subject Finance)	5	A
Master of Science in Business Engineering (main subject Operations Management)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Economics	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Economic analysis of law, efficiency, optimal law

Position of the course

Provide theories of law and economics for the main fields of the law (property law, contract law, tort law, criminal law, public choice) with the purpose of critically reflecting about law, society and economic phenomena.

Contents

This course offers an interdisciplinary and comparative approach of the most important legal institutions. The interdisciplinary character becomes apparent by looking at the learning substance and the student audience. Most classes cover one specific legal domain (property law, tort law, competition law etc.). The legal matters are not treated in a classic, descriptive way. Legal institutions are analyzed from a social sciences perspective (economics, game theory, but also sociology and philosophy), with the purpose of exposing the social functions of legal institutions and provide the building bricks for answering questions about optimal law.

Initial competences

Knowledge of the fundamentals of law and economics respectively (as studied in first and/or second bachelor).

Final competences

- 1 Knowledge and insight
 - have a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law and economics
 - have a basic insight in the economic factors which influence the law and structure society
- 2 Competences
 - be able to work with economic concepts and apply them to legal phenomena
 - be able to give arguments pro and contra specific laws and court decisions
 - be able to perform cost-benefit analyses

3 Attitudes

- be willing to reflect critically about law, society and economic phenomena
- be willing to do self-study and reflect critically about legal policy and case law
- be willing to expand own knowledge and to apply economic insights to social and legal phenomena

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Ex cathedra, richly illustrated and on the basis of supporting texts

Learning materials and price

Estimated price: 10.0 EUR

Syllabus and texts. Cost: 10 EUR

References

COOTER, R. AND ULEN, T., Law and Economics.

Course content-related study coaching

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

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written exam.

Calculation of the examination mark