

Legal Standards concerning Professional Functioning (H002127)

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

A (semester 2)	Dutch	guided self-study	5.0 h
		lecture: plenary	5.0 h
		exercises	
		lecture	20.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Bachelor of Science in Psychology (main subject Clinical Psychology)	4	A
Bachelor of Science in Psychology (main subject Personnel Management and Industrial Psychology)	4	A
Bachelor of Science in Psychology (main subject Theoretical and Experimental Psychology)	4	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

regulation, protection of professional titles, health law, privacy protection, professional secrecy, liability, scientific research

Position of the course

This course prepares the students to the legal aspect of the professions that can be exercised by a psychologist. The course wants to make the students aware about the legal rules, teaches them to use the legal sources and learns them to understand and apply the rules in a critical and pragmatic way

Contents

In this course the following topics are covered:

- general summary of the medical law (with a special attention to the normative values of professional instructions, international codes, guidelines, etc.);
- the place of psychologists inside the regulation of the professional practice in healthcare (with attention to the difference between title-protection and professional protection);
- the statute of a psychologist (in its various qualities);
- the psychologist in relation to the persons he conducts or examines: the difference between therapeutic and non-therapeutic relations;
- the importance of the human-judicial approach for the protection of the person in non-therapeutic relations (selection, training, evaluation);
- the informed consent-doctrine;
- the psychologist in relation to persons with a special protection-statute: minors, interneers, etc.;
- the professional secret and the protection of the privacy;
- liability (penal, civil, disciplinary);
- the regulation of scientific research and experimental actions;
- possible further split up of particular regulations between the different groups (clinical psychology, management and industrial psychology, experimental psychology).

Initial competences

- Having very good knowledge about the different schools and topics in psychology.

Final competences

- 1 Use and analyse sources of legislation.
- 2 Understand and apply normative texts.
- 3 Knowledge of the competence of the psychologist in health care.
- 4 Apply the standards concerning the relationship with the patient in a creative way.
- 5 Analyse ethical problems in dealing with patients, colleagues and clients and propose argued solutions.
- 6 Recognise and analyse dilemmas in the activities of the psychologist in non-therapeutic relationships and propose argued solutions.
- 7 Knowledge and creative use of the standards for conducting scientific research on people.

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

Guided self-study, lecture, lecture: plenary exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

- * lecture with practical examples.

Learning materials and price

- Syllabus provided by the department.
Cost: 15 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching

- Interactive support using Minerva.
- By appointment.

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

Calculation of the examination mark

Students who eschew periodic and/or permanent evaluations for the course unit concerned are given a non-deliberative final quotation.