

# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

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

Credits 6.0 Study time 180 h Contact hrs 60.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 1) Dutch lecture 42.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Moonen, Toon RE22 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#) crdts 6 offering A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Constitutional law, administrative law, fundamental rights, democracy, federalism, rule of law, judicial review of government action, Belgium as a State in Europe and the world

Position of the course

This course introduces Belgian public law to students. Public law addresses the organization and functioning of government, as well as the relation between the government and citizens.

Contents

Relevant themes are: law and public law, the State and the Constitution, the citizen's position in the State, nationality and fundamental rights, the functioning of democratic institutions (legislature, executive power, judiciary), separation of powers, Belgian federalism and its institutions (including Belgian state reform and distribution of competences), local government, the rule of law, hierarchy of norms, judicial review of government action (including the Constitutional Court, the Council of State and the administrative and ordinary courts), and the position of Belgium in Europe and the global legal order.

Initial competences

Degree secondary studies or similar higher education level. Introductory legal course is recommended

Final competences

- 1 Knowing and understanding the basic characteristics of Belgian public law
- 2 Being able to find and understand the relevant sources of Belgian public law
- 3 Defining the basic notions of Belgian public law
- 4 Applying the basic notions of Belgian public law in concrete cases
- 5 Correctly situating issues of Belgian public law in legal and social context
- 6 Critically analyzing issues of public law, inter alia relating to democratic institutions, federalism and the rule of law

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

Learning materials and price

Syllabus Belgian public law, 2018-2019

References

Course content-related study coaching

- 1 Facultative mock exam;
- 2 The teacher is available for questions relating to the course content during and after class, and on appointment;
- 3 The teaching assistant is available for questions relating to the course content on appointment;
- 4 Powerpoint presentations with an overview of the course content are available through Minerva;
- 5 Classes are recorded and available through Minerva.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Written examination with open questions

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

Written examination with open questions

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 with open questions. The use of a legislation codex is allowed.

Calculation of the examination mark