

Animals and the Law (B001372)

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 2019-2020

A (semester 2)	Dutch	microteaching	15.0 h
		group work	5.0 h
		lecture	5.0 h
		guided self-study	5.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

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Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

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Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences (main subject Laws)	4	A
Master of Laws in Laws	4	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

administrative law, environmental law, animal welfare law, European law, animal rights, animal welfare, animal protection

Position of the course

To give insights into the relations between animal and law, in the perspective of the historical backgrounds and the social factors.

Contents

In this course the relations between animal and law are dealt with, in the perspective of the historical backgrounds and the social factors. The emphasis is laid on Belgian and European law, sometimes in a comparative approach (Netherlands, Germany), and attention is paid to policy aspects and legal technical aspects.

The topics include:

- animals and law in general: philosophical aspects; animal rights; animals and ownership; species versus individual approach; animal welfare versus animal health; pest animals?; responsibility for animals;
- animal welfare law: historical aspects; study of the existing Belgian and European animal welfare law;
- animal health law: sanitary legislation (mat cow disease, etc.); legislation on hormonal products; food safety legislation; etc.

Initial competences

- to have a knowledge of the basics, the structures and the methodology and systematic of Belgian law
- to have the abilities to analyse and to evaluate legal texts and sources, to solve legal problems
- to have the attitude to be willing to develop a critic and scientific attitude

Final competences

- 1 To have thorough scientific insights into the relations between animals and law, the historical backgrounds and the societal influences
- 2 To have the abilities to analyze and to evaluate legal texts and sources in this matter and to find legal sources and to digest correctly legal information
- 3 To have the abilities to written and oral expression, to formulate synthetically and

- scientifically, in team
- 4 To have the abilities to evaluate each other (peer-evaluation)
- 5 To argue clearly his own thesis in a discussion

- 6 To be convinced that animal welfare is needed for sustainable development, and to be open minded for a positive role of the law in it

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

Guided self-study, group work, lecture, microteaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

Ex cathedra with interaction, guest lecture(s), papers and presentations by the students (in principle per two) followed by group discussions, reading

Learning materials and price

Course material Animal and Law, for free by the website

References

- G. CAZEAUX (ed.), Mensen en andere dieren, Leuven-Apeldoorn, Garant, 2001.
- E. DE PUE, L. LAVRYSEN en P. STRYCKERS, Milieuzakboekje, Mechelen, Kluwer, annually.

Course content-related study coaching

1. giving guidance in the preparation of the presentations;
2. answering questions of the students through e-mail or otherwise

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Open book examination, oral examination, participation, assignment

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

Non-periodic evaluation (paper, presentation thereof, participation, written test open book, essay)

Calculation of the examination mark

Paper 5/20, presentation 5/20, written test 5/20, essay 5/20, unlegally absent during others presentations = - 2.

Facilities for Working Students

Work student = lawful absent during presentations other students. Must be attending the course during which the own presentation is, and during the written test.