

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

Credits 7.0 Study time 210 h Contact hrs 60.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (year) Dutch lecture 60.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

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Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Laws in Laws	7	A
Linking Course Master of Laws in Laws	7	A
Preparatory Course Master of Laws in Laws	7	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Public law, constitutional law, administrative law

Position of the course

The course aims at giving an introduction to public law in a broad sense (constitutional law, administrative law, budget law, criminal law, etc.), with a focus on constitutional law.

Contents

Part I: General principles of Belgian public law:

- 1 Historical introduction
- 2 Hierarchy of legal norms
- 3 Essential characteristics of the Belgian state structure (separation of powers, rule of law, parliamentary representative democracy, etc.)
- 4 International legal order

Part II: Rights and freedoms, such as general principles, rights and freedoms of foreigners, equality principle, etc.

Part III: The federal government:

- 1 Legislative power
- 2 Executive power
- 3 Judicial power

Part IV: Communities and regions

Part V: External relations and finances

Part VI: Legal protection against government acts (Council of State, Constitutional Court, judicial review)

Initial competences

The final competences of secondary education.

Final competences

- 1 Ability to find and understand the legal sources of Belgian constitutional law.
- 2 In-depth knowledge of the historical and current structure of the Belgian federal state, the sub-state level and the international organizations.
- 3 Active knowledge and understanding of the basic concept listed in the reader and ability to apply them to concrete case-studies.
- 4 Ability to critically approach constitutional law topics. This includes questions regarding the state reforms, the constitutional rights and freedoms, and the underlying socio-economic and political background.

- 5 Ability to solve complex case-studies within a limited amount of time, on the basis of the available legal sources.

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

Learning materials and price

Cost: 96 EUR

- J. Dujardin, J. Vande Lanotte, G. Goedertier, J. Goossens, *Basisbegrippen Publiekrecht*, Brugge, die Keure, 2014.
- J. Vande Lanotte, G. Goedertier, Y. Haeck, J. Goossens, T. De Pelsmaeker, *Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel I*, Brugge, die Keure, 2015.
- J. Vande Lanotte, G. Goedertier, Y. Haeck, J. Goossens, T. De Pelsmaeker, *Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel II*, Brugge, die Keure, 2015.

References

Startcodex public law.

Course content-related study coaching

- PowerPoint presentations showing an overview of the course contents are made available on the Minerva platform.
- Every week a multiple-choice question is posted on the Minerva platform. Students will get automatic feedback on their answer.
- The lecturer is available for course content-related questions before and after class as well as during the break. The lecturer is also available by prior appointment. Appointments should be made through the assistants (see below).
- The assistants are available for questions before, during and after class and by prior appointment to answer course content-related questions.
- Classes are recorded and shared through Minerva.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

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

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

1. During the examination period of the first semester, the knowledge of a part of the course will be evaluated by way of a written exam (closed book), which takes the form of a partial exam. The closed book exam evaluates whether the student has active knowledge of public law (i.e. knowledge and being able to apply his or her knowledge without the consultation of readers) and whether the student has sufficient knowledge of the rest of public law to solve a small case. It is allowed to bring codices to the exam, if in conformity with the faculty regulations. The questions of the closed book exam deal with a part of the definitions of the book "Basisbegrippen Publiekrecht" (fundamental notions of public law) and a limited part of the book "Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel I" (introduction to public law).

The partial exam counts for 5 of the 20 points. All students have the option to retake the partial exam during the examination period of the second semester. Only the last mark will count as final result for the partial exam. Students get 1h for both exams.

2. During the examination period of the second semester, the knowledge of the other part of the course will be evaluated by way of a written exam (closed book and open book). The closed book exam evaluates whether the student has active knowledge of

public law (i.e. knowledge and being able to apply his or her knowledge without the consultation of readers or legislation) and whether the student has sufficient knowledge of the rest of public law to solve a small case with the help of readers or legislation. It is allowed to bring codices to the exam, if in conformity with the faculty regulations. The questions of the closed book exam deal with a part of the definitions of the book "Basisbegrippen Publiekrecht" (fundamental notions of public law) and a limited part of the book "Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel II" (introduction to public law). The closed book exam counts for 5 points of the total 20 points. Students get 1h to solve the exam. The open book exam consists of 60 statements which the students have to evaluate as true or false. This part of the exam deals with the definitions listed in the book "Basisbegrippen Publiekrecht" (fundamental notions of public law) and selected parts of the books "Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel I" and "Belgisch Publiekrecht. Deel II" (introduction to public law). During this part of the exam, the students may use whatever materials they want, including the readers, legislation or notes, as long as they are in conformity with the faculty regulations. Since the students are allowed to use these materials, only a passive knowledge of this part of the course is required. This means that the student should be able to apply his/her passive knowledge, with the help of his/her materials, in a concrete situation. The multiple-choice questions require the student to connect different parts of the readers, to reason abstractly, to make comparisons,

The open book exam counts for 10 points of the total 20 and applies a marking of standardsetting as foreseen by university regulations. This means that students need to score 45/60 to get 5/10. Students get 2h to solve the exam.

Calculation of the examination mark

Partial exam in exam period first semester (optional retake in second semester exam period): 5/20
Closed book exam in exam period second semester: 5/20
Open book exam in exam period second semester: 10/20

Facilities for Working Students

There are no special classes scheduled for working students, yet classes are filmed and shared through Minerva. There is an information session at the beginning of the first semester and the assistants are available for further questions. Working students may ask for an individual feedback moment with the assistant.