

## Legal Clinic Social Lab Experiences (B001683)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)  
Credits 8.0 Study time 240 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

### Course offerings in academic year 2020-2021

A (year) English Gent

### Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Jorens, Yves RE23 lecturer-in-charge  
De Becker, Alexander RE23 co-lecturer

### Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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<a href="#">Master of Laws in Laws</a>	8	A
<a href="#">Exchange Programme in Law</a>	8	A

### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

social law, labour law, social security law, social lab, legal clinic, practical experience, professionalisation

### Position of the course

The aim of the Social Lab is twofold.

Firstly, the course offers students the possibility to explore a topic within the domain of Social Law in an intensive and practical way, under professional supervision. This way, students can apply their already acquired legal knowledge to concrete cases provided by clients from the social field. By doing so, they train different skills which are essential for (legal) practice.

Secondly, the Social Lab aims to play a societal role by contributing or giving high-quality legal advice to persons and entities for whom it is difficult to have access to it. The clients are primarily (governmental) institutions which face a societal problem, but it may also concern social secretariats, non-profit organisations or start-ups. Moreover, this course aims to familiarise the students with the working context and the corporate world by focusing on professionalisation and substantive depth.

### Contents

The students study concrete cases and answer legal issues by formulating useful and qualitative advice. To pass this course, students must also be present at the workplace of the client, where they will be professionally guided by a team consisting of a coach from Ghent University and from the client.

Every year, there are different cases and clients, as this follows needs and demand.

The students will not only communicate with the client but also with external parties and get the opportunity to meet other stakeholders when handling their cases.

### Initial competences

**Knowledge:** have general knowledge of the Belgian labour law and social security law

**Skills:** be able to independently perform legal research on given topics

### Final competences

- 1 Has knowledge of current discussions and sticking points in social law
- 2 Is able to find, evaluate the value of and analyse legal sources and other relevant sources and distinguish the main point from the side issues.
- 3 Can draw up legal advice or other relevant documents which the client can use in practice.
- 4 Is able to present a complex legal problem in a clear manner to both lawyers and

laymen.

- 5 Has a professional, service-oriented, but also critical and responsible attitude towards the person seeking justice.
- 6 Communicates in a professional manner with a client in the framework of a request for legal advice.
- 7 Acts discretely, responsibly and in accordance with the deontology.

#### 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

Lecture, clinic, microteaching, project, work placement, fieldwork, seminar, self-reliant study activities, online lecture, online project, online seminar

#### Extra information on the teaching methods

***Because of COVID-19, other teaching methods may be used, if necessary.***

All teaching methods aim to evaluate the scientific skills and content knowledge of the domain but also to refine the written and oral communicative skills of the student.

Course of the teaching methods:

- 1 Introductory group session with general guidelines, presentation of the clients and cases, and professionalisation training
- 2 Immersion in the industry at issue: preliminary investigation, legal advice issue, conversation with the client, further analysis of the case, draft of the written final product, feedback, delivery of the finished product
- 3 Follow-up session (an intermediate contact moment with the coach from Ghent University and peers)
- 4 A final session with the entire group with a presentation for the coaches, peers and possibly external parties from the field

The course will apply the principles of **Community Service Learning (CSL)**.

#### Learning materials and price

n/a

#### References

n/a

#### Course content-related study coaching

Intensive coaching at the workplace and beyond by a team of coaches from Ghent University and coaches from the professional field.

#### 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

Portfolio, participation, assignment, skills test, job performance assessment, peer assessment, report

#### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is not possible

#### Extra information on the examination methods

The evaluation takes the following into account:

- 1 Attendance requirement for the two group sessions and the follow-up session
- 2 Attitude and development process at the workplace
- 3 Quality of the written legal advice
- 4 Oral presentation

#### Calculation of the examination mark

Continuous evaluation (100%) on the basis of:

- the quality of the written legal advice and the oral presentation of it: 10/20
- non-binding assessment by the coach at the workplace: 8/20
- attendance and participation in the group sessions: 2/20

#### Facilities for Working Students

n/a