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 Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2020-2021

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

- Credits 3.0
- Study time 85 h
- Contact hrs 24.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

- B (semester 2) Dutch Gent
  - lecture 18.0 h
  - self-reliant study activities 3.0 h
  - group work 3.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

- Vandedrinck, Frank TW14 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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Teaching languages

- Dutch

Keywords

- Civil Law, Real Estate Law, Property Law, Law of Obligations

Position of the course

This course offers the student conversance with:
- the basic principles of Belgian law;
- the existing legal sources and where to find them;
- public and private law;
- the different branches of law;
- judiciary system and the competences of the Belgian national civil courts of justice, including courts of criminal law and extrajudicial courts (Council of State and Constitutional Court).
Secondly the course pursues a profound discussion of the principles of the Belgian Property Law.
Finally an introduction to Law of Obligations and to Contract Law is given.

Contents

**INTRODUCTION**

The sources of Belgian law;
The different branches of law; public and private law;
Enforceability and enforcement of legal rules; sanction; punishment;
Objective and subjective rights, legal acts; legal principles;
The hierarchy of the legal norms;
General principles common to all branches of the law.

**THE BELGIAN LEGAL SYSTEM AND JUDICIARY STRUCTURES**
The judiciary system and the competence of the Belgian national civil courts of justice
The authority of higher jurisdictions
Constitutional Law: rights and freedoms of the individual citizen.

**REAL ESTATE LAW AND PROPERTY LAW**
Real Estate;
Acquisition, possession and use of property;
Property rights: rules governing the system of property ownership; abuse of rights;
Transfer of property;

(Approved)
Acquisitive prescription (usufruct); interruption and suspension of the limitation period;
Shared ownership;
Multi property.

**LAW OF OBLIGATIONS**
The concepts agreement and contract; obligations;
Genesis of agreement, performance of the agreement, final acceptance, particular rules.
The concept of obligation and its characteristics: conditions, terms, enforceability, evidence and techniques of proof.

Initial competences

No specific knowledge required.

Final competences

1. The student has a good understanding of the Belgian Legal System and the judiciary structures, and he distinguishes the competences of the Belgian national civil courts of justice.
2. The student has good knowledge of the different legal sources (legislation and jurisprudence), has got insight in the relevancy and juridical value and consults them in a critical and proper way;
3. The student has a good understanding of the principal rules Civil Law and Real Estate Law consist of;
4. The student evaluates the implementation of the principal rules of Property Law;
5. The student can qualify a factual problem as a legal question. He is capable in finding the correct law sources, in implementing the applicable legal norms, by using the appropriate information and communication technology.
6. The student applies the fundamentals of Law of Obligations.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, lecture, self-reliant study activities, online group work, online lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Classroom and online lectures: 18h;
Individual work + teamwork: 6h;
The individual work is partly coached self-study. The teamwork requires research, reflection, analysis, processing, report and presentation of the results.

Learning materials and price

Teacher’s course (Dutch);
Documentation and supplementary courseware: available on e-learning platform.

References


Course content-related study coaching

1. Guidance and coaching by lecturer: possibility to make an appointment or contact by e-mail, by chat of discussion forum;
2. E-learning platform: students can visit an electronic workspace for supplementary courseware and possible examination questions.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

(Approved)
Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
  Assignment, peer assessment, report
Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
  examination during the second examination period is possible
Extra information on the examination methods
  Periodic evaluation: oral examination (open questions) after written preparation;
  Non-periodic evaluation: peer-assessment of individual work and teamwork based upon
  project report and presentation.
Calculation of the examination mark
  Oral examination: 75%;
  Non-periodic evaluation: 25%
  When the student does not participate in the evaluation of one or more components or
  the student scores less than 8/20 for one of the components, he/she can no longer
  pass the entire course unit. If the total score is a mark of ten or more out of twenty, then
  this is reduced to the highest failing mark.