








5.00 credits

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| Teacher(s) | Christians Louis-Léon ; |
| Language : | French |
| Place of the course | Louvain-la-Neuve |
| Prerequisites | This course assumes no prerequisites. |
| Main themes | <p>It provides a pragmatic introduction to a religious legal system, i.e. the current law of the Catholic Church. (Other teachings on canon law are also provided in other programs organized by UCL). The course introduces students to the practical arrangements for legal intervention in the Catholic Church, managing the religious status of more than one billion followers worldwide. A mainly technical analysis is adopted to introduce more specific topics of canon law, chosen by the students.</p> <p>The specificity of canon law over state law or in relation to other religions is analyzed about marriage and its forms of nullity and dissolution; about ecclesiastical status; about penal canon law against abuse in religious practices (e.g. the crisis of sexual offenses), about the status of religious courts.</p> |
| Learning outcomes | <p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the locus and role of canon law within the life and practice of the Roman Catholic Church understood as a community of believers; 1 - evaluate the relationship between canon law, State law and human rights as a joint project for good citizenship; - find (at least some) ways of resolving issues using canon law. |
| Evaluation methods | <p>For 20% of the points, a bibliographic research paper will be done on a theme specific to each student.</p> <p>For 80% of the points, an oral exam will be given on : -(a) a question drawn at random from a list communicated at the end of the course, as well as (b) the resolution of a practical case, in particular from the reading of a canonical judicial sentence (translated into French) or a press report.</p> <p>In the September term, a similar written exam will account for 100% of the grade.</p> |
| Teaching methods | Interactive pedagogy |
| Content | <p>After a brief historical and conceptual presentation, this course introduces students to the practice of Catholic Church Law through three focuses : one on canon law currently applicable to marriage, another on canonical penal law (dealing with sexual offences), and the last one on a theme chosen by students (synodal practice, functioning of parishes and dioceses, etc.).</p> <p>At the end of the course, students will have acquired the ability to research documents and a suitable working method in canon law.</p> |
| Inline resources | See the moodle website of the course. |
| Bibliography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codex de droit canonique (1983) est indispensable (en accès libre sur internet) |
| Other infos | |
| Faculty or entity in charge | TEBI |

| Programmes containing this learning unit (UE) | | | | |
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| Program title | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Learning outcomes |
| Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements) | TECA9CE | 3 | |  |
| Minor in Sciences of Religions (discipline to complement the major) | MINSREL | 5 | |  |
| Additionnal module in law | APPDRT | 5 | |  |
| Minor in Christian Theology | MINTHEO | 5 | |  |
| Certificat d'université : Fondements du droit canon : droit, éthique et déontologie de l'action pastorale | DRCA1FC | 5 | |  |
| Minor in Sciences of Religions (openness) | MINRELI | 5 | |  |
| Additionnal module in Religious Studies | APPTHEO | 5 | |  |