UCLouvain

Religions, law and societies in Europe

4.00 credits

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Teacher(s)	Christians Louis-Léon ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	The legal status of religious diversity in Europe. The relationship between religious laws and state laws. The variety and comparison between State regulation of Religions in Europe. Ways to prevent and resolve religious conflicts, both in terms of private ethical questions and of public policy. An interdisciplinary approach through law, political philosophy, theology and sociology of european religious diversity.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 put into perspective the evolution of the modes of State regulation of religions in modern societies.			
Evaluation methods	For 25% of the points, a bibliographical and documentary research is carried out during the term, on a theme specific to each student, measuring the contributions and limits of AI. For 75% of the points, a traditional oral exam with two questions drawn at random from a list of questions communicated before the session. The assessment takes into account the student's original discipline. In September, an analogous written exam will account for 100% of the final grade.			
Teaching methods	After a few introductory sessions introducing the course theme and the method of working together, each weekly session is devoted to a theme chosen by the students. Various forms of student participation are envisaged (on the occasion of topical issues, and/or active participation in the new Observatoire intercultu(r)el en sciences des religions (UCLouvain). Sessions on foreign and comparative law will feature external guests. In 2024-25, sessions will take place on Wednesday 2Q 8:30-10:30.			
Content	The course covers the major conceptual developments in European law as regards issues and disputes relating to religions, beliefs and consciences, whether personal or collective. Specific questions will be chosen in discussion with the students themselves, based on topical issues. One or two foreign guests will also contribute to a comparative law approach. Examples of themes: Church-State relations - human rights - minority rights - participatory democracy - the right to secrecy of beliefs - non-discrimination - freedom of worship - freedom of expression of beliefs ' exceptions of conscience - civil disobedience - politics and religion - recognition - identity - religious neutrality of the State - financing of religious denominations in Europe - exceptions of conscience and reasonable accommodation - religion at work - autonomy of religious denominations and human rights (privacy, rights of defense) - Religion and education - Religion and health care - Religion and prison - Sectarian abuses - Religion and family (marriage, divorce, child-rearing, circumcision) - Ritual slaughter - Religious tribunals and arbitration - Religion and health (COVID-19 health crisis) etc. By the end of the course, students will be able to use the main European research tools in the field of "law and religion" and will be able to conduct documentary research in these areas.			
Inline resources	see the moodle website of this course			
Bibliography	 Cfr le cours sur moodle ROBBERS, G. (ed.), Etats et Eglises dans l'Union européenne, 2e Edition, Baden Baden, Nomos, 2009 : texte integral en accès libre online : http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=25059&L=1#c49875 DOE, N., Law and Religion in Europe. A comparative Introduction, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011 MASSIGNON, B., RIVA, V., L'Europe, avec ou sans Dieu ?, Paris, Editions de l'Atelier, 2010, 288 pp. 			
Faculty or entity in charge	CISR			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes	
Additionnal module in law	APPDRT	5		٩	
Minor in Law (openness)	MINODROI	5		٩	
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		٩	
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		٩	
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		٩	