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Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

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Teacher(s)	Hausman Jean-Marc ;Macq Christelle ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	The study of criminal law is centered on the knowledge and understanding of the general principles of criminal law; on the constituent elements of the offense; on the rules relative to the perpetrator, as well as on the relevant penalities and their application. By way of example, we enumerate a few topics: - Under what conditions can an individual find himself in a situation justifying the use of force in self-defense? - Can a minor (or a person suffering from mental disorder) be tried by criminal court? - What is a suspended sentence on probation and under what conditions can it be adjudged? In this part, the professor outlines basic rights, such as the presumption of innocence, the right to remain silent, the right to a fair trial, the rights of the defense, the right to individual freedom, the inviolability of the home - and their concrete implications. The course covers a prosecution, describing the role and the powers of the various players (prosecution, defense, party seeking civil damages, judge, etc.).			
Learning outcomes				
Evaluation methods	Written examination.			
Content	The course relies on written materials which contain the basis of the knowledge which the student must maste and on lectures whose purpose is to illustrate the course content with concrete cases.			
Bibliography	Th. Moreau et al., <i>Eléments de droit pénal et de procédure pénale</i> , Bruxelles, La Charte, 2024. MA. Beernaert et al, Introduction à la procédure pénale, 9e éd., Bruxelles, La Charte, 2024.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ECRI			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Minor in Law (openness)	MINODROI	5		Q		
Bachelor in Psychology and Education: General	PSP1BA	6		•		
Advanced Master in Forensic Medicine	MLEG2MC	6		٩		
Minor in Criminology	MINCRIM	5		٩		