

5.00 credits


18.0 h

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This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2026-2027 !

This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Teacher(s)	Giacometti Mona ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The object of this course is that of the incriminations and, through those, of the values protected by the criminal law, of the stakes of the criminal policy related to the processes of incrimination, and of the principles that the creation of the incriminations must respect. The principle of legality, which governs the production of the incriminations, will be in particular examined in its various aspects, in the framework of the progressive displacement of the definition of the criminal law out of the national borders. The course will examine a selected number of criminal offences - traditional infringements (such as fight, murder) and recent infringements (such as money laundering, terrorism, racism), in order to highlight the evolutions of the legislative technique, the shift of the limits of the criminal responsibility, the problems involved in the interpretation of complex rules. The influence of the international and European law will be taken into account.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Written exam
Teaching methods	The course will be given in the form of three-hour lessons starting in November. While the teaching will be resolutely theoretical, the content of the course will be enriched by case law as well as by the daily practice of the teacher. The active participation of the students will be encouraged on the basis of previous readings (judgments, media, doctrine), which will be the subject of developments during the lecture sessions.
Content	The criminal law course is devoted to the study of criminal offences, the different elements of these offences and the penalties that punish them. It allows the students to mobilise the concepts and principles developed in the general criminal law course. The offences that we will study will be selected because they are particularly topical (e.g. terrorism, offences on social networks), complex (e.g. organized crime, drug offences) or because they are traditional and widespread offences (e.g. theft, assault and battery, fraud). The analysis of these offences will highlight the values that are protected in our society and the links that special criminal law has with other field of law (economic law, social law, environmental law, tax law, etc.). This course aims to bring students to understand the articulation between general principles of criminal law and criminal offences to distinguish the characteristics of the offences and to be able, in an autonomous and precise way, to qualify criminally the offending behaviors observed in a particular situation. It will thus be a useful addition to the basic training in criminal law offered to students.
Inline resources	A detailed course outline and powerpoints will be provided to students. Additional readings will be required to complete the material. They will be posted on Moodle.
Bibliography	Ouvrages de référence : F. Kutu, A. De Nauw, <i>Manuel de droit pénal spécial</i> , Waterloo, Kluwer, 2021 Collection <i>Les infractions</i> , Bruxelles, Larcier, vol. 1 à vol. 5
Faculty or entity in charge	BUDR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRHD2M	5		
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRLN2M	5		