UCLouvain

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Tutorial I : Legal research and essay writing

3.00 credits	0 h + 12.0 h	Q1 and Q2

This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The first-year Bachelor's supervised project must be on a topic directly or indirectly related to the subject matter covered in the Introduction to Law Part I (LDROI1001) or Introduction to Law Part II (LDROI1002) modules.
Learning outcomes	**At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :** Savoir lire **Be able to read** a law or treaty and its preparatory work; a decision by a Belgian, European or international court; doctrinal sources. 2 **Apply** To apply the law means moving from the abstract nature of the legal rule to concrete facts and vice versa, and thus being able to provide well-reasoned answers to a legal question. 2.1. In any branch of law, to be able, independently, to understand a legal issue and, drawing on relevant sources, to construct an argument that explores its various dimensions, distinguishing the essential from the incidental, underpinned by clear, coherent and credible legal reasoning. 2.2. To make effective use of all types of legislative compilations, regardless of their format, in order to identify the law applicable to a given situation. 3 **Communicate** To communicate the findings of research and the results of legal analysis clearly, precisely and in a structured manner, whilst adhering strictly to the rules governing academic writing. 3.1. Produce, in writing, a structured and critical summary of legal ideas and controversies drawn from various legislative, doctrinal and case-law documents in order to address a given issue. 3.2. To present orally, in clear and precise French, in a lively, structured and critical manner, the content of a body of knowledge, the findings of research or the results of a legal analysis, utilising artificial intelligence. 3.4. To adhere, in all forms of communication, to the rules governing scholarly publication (direct quotations, references, bibliography, etc.). 5 **Getting organised** Getting organised, planning your work and meeting deadlines.
Evaluation methods	The sessions are assessed: - primarily, in the form of an individual written assignment based on a folder of documentation provided by the teaching assistant; - secondarily, in the form of an oral presentation. This oral presentation provides students with an opportunity to engage with the use of artificial intelligence and to critically assess the results produced by it.
Teaching methods	These sessions are delivered face-to-face. Two group sessions will be devoted to developing the skills needed to organise one's thoughts and draft a legal analysis.
Content	The first-year supervised project on the Bachelor's degree programme enables students to develop writing skills and the ability to structure their thoughts; it requires them to read and analyse a range of documents.
Inline resources	A folder of documentation is posted on Moodle at the start of the term.
Faculty or entity in charge	DRT

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in Law	DROI1BA	3		🔍