UCLouvain

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Introduction to European Union law

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	Desaunettes Luc ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	This course is an introduction to EU law for students enrolled in politics, economics or social policy programmes. It provides an introduction to what the European Union does for its citizens and for companies (internal market, citizenship). It examines in more detail the principles governing the functioning of the European Union, and its values. Students learn how the EU's rules and legislation are adopted, but also which European and national stakeholders are involved in creating these laws. They then discover how EU law is applied and by whom. This course provides the basic tools for understanding the institutional and regulatory framework within in which EU policies are developed. These technical issues are analysed, with a particular focus on their political, economic and social ramifications.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Written exam based on open questions inviting students to demonstrate their knowledge of the course and their ability to reason.
Content	This course is an introduction to European Union law. The following topics are covered: · the legal foundations of European integration · how the European institutions function · the powers of the European Union · the sources of EU law · protection of fundamental rights in EU law · the principles of the internal market and European citizenship · an overview of some EU policies · judicial review of EU legislation.
Faculty or entity in charge	EURO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)

Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in European Studies	MINEURO	5		🔍
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM1BA	5		🔍
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		🔍
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		🔍
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		🔍