




4.00 credits

30.0 h

Q2

Teacher(s)	Christians Louis-Léon ;Vanbellingén Léopold ;
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	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 put into perspective the evolution of the modes of State regulation of religions in modern societies.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>For 25% of the mark, 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.</p> <p>For 75% of the marks, an in-class written examination in the form of an essay, with no external documentation. A list of questions is provided to students at the end of the course. The exam consists of two questions from the list and another practical question related to current news. The assessment takes into account the student's original discipline.</p> <p>In September, an analogous written exam will account for 100% of the final mark.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>After an introductory section presenting the course topic at the European level and the working method, specific sessions are devoted to topics chosen by the students. The teaching method is traditional, alternating with discussions on current issues et AI games. Sessions on foreign and comparative law will feature guest speakers.</p> <p>In 2025-26, sessions will take place on Wednesday 2Q 8:30-10:30.</p>
Content	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Inline resources	see the moodle website of this course
Bibliography	<p>Cfr le cours sur moodle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROBBERS, G. (ed.), Etats et Eglises dans l'Union européenne, 2e Edition, Baden Baden, Nomos, 2009 : texte intégral 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		
Minor in Law (openness)	MINODROI	5		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		