

Air Law (B001445)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 3.0

Study time 90 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

English

Gent

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Wouters, Mia

RE22

lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

crdts

offering

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

International and European air law, aviation, organisations involved in air activities, liability

Position of the course

The objective of this course is to provide the students with a general overview of the principles and rules of air law.

Contents

In this course following topics will be dealt with:

- Delimitation of air law, status of air.
- Air transport law: development and organization of civil aviation; overview of International Conventions and European legislation on air transport law; study of the 1999 Montreal Convention on the liability of the air carriers for the international carriage of passengers and cargo ; the European regulations on air passenger rights.

Initial competences

- To have a basic knowledge of international and European law.
- To be able to analyse legal texts and sources.
- To be able to distinguish the essentials from the side issues.
- To have the attitude to be willing to develop a critical and scientific attitude

Final competences

- 1 To have an insight in international and European Air Law.
- 2 To know the historical background of international and European Air Law
- 3 To be able to analyse and evaluate legal texts and sources in the field of international and European Air Law.
- 4 To have the attitude to do self-study in air law.
- 5 To develop a critical and scientific attitude.

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Students are frequently asked to prepare an assigned task that will be dealt with during next class. This topic is then dealt with in the form of a group discussion.
- Students are invited to participate in excursions, such as EUROCONTROL or other relevant organisations.
- Via UFORA students are invited to participate in conferences and lectures on topics of air law, organised by prof. Mia Wouter in Brussels. Students of this course do not have to pay registration fees.

Study material

None

References

- DIEDERIKS-VERSCHOOR, I.H.Ph, An Introduction to Air Law, The Hague, Kluwer, 1997, (6th revised ed.), 276.
- NAVEAU, J., Précis de droit aérien, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 1988, 351.
- SHAWCROSS & BEAUMONT, Air Law, London, Butterworths, 2000, (loose-leave)
- Webpages air organisations

Course content-related study coaching

- 1 Power points and treaties, clarifying documents or illustrations will be provided via UFORA.
- 2 Answering questions from students, including guidance at distance, will happen through e-mail

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written open book examination with open questions
 The questions are case related, to be solved by each student individually
 The student can use his course material to solve the cases.

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam