GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

International and European Procedure (B001750)

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

Credits 4.0 **Study time 120 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2027-2028

A (semester 2)	English	Gent
E (semester 2)	English	Gent
M (semester 2)	English	Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

Vandenbussche, Wannes	RE21	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028	**crdts**	**offering**
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Laws)	4	A
Virtual Mobility	4	E
Master of Laws in Laws	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject Comparative Law and Transnational Dispute Resolution)	4	A
Micro-credential International and European Procedure	4	M
Exchange Programme in Law	4	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Civil procedure, European civil procedure, international procedural law

Position of the course

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the general principles of international and European civil procedure. First, analyses procedural rules coming from the European Union law, as well as the influence of the European Convention on Human Rights on civil procedure. In addition, the course focuses on the rules of procedure originating from international and intergovernmental organizations (such as the Hague Conference on Private International Law).

Contents

At least the following topics/doctrines are covered:
I. Introduction: The internationalization and Europeanisation of the law of civil procedure
II. Solving international & EU cross-border disputes through the courts
III. Out-of-court dispute resolution: arbitration, mediation & consumer ADR
IV. Service of documents
V. Taking of evidence
VI. The EU unified procedures
VII. The influence of Art. 6, para 1 ECHR
VIII. Collective proceedings

Initial competences

To have a good knowledge of the structure, core concepts and techniques of the law of civil procedure and private international law.

Final competences

1 To have a good knowledge of the applicable treaties and legislation in the field

of international and European civil procedure, including to the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union.
2 To reflect critically on issues that arise in this field, taking into account the ever advancing legal rules and case law.
3 To recognize and analyze problems that arise in the application of rules of civil procedure in a cross-border context
4 To build a legal reasoning with respect to a procedural issue
5 To solve specific cases in which various legal questions arise.
6 To apply (evolving) legal rules in new, concrete and complex situations.
7 To defend own solutions orally and in writing

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lecture, lecture: plenary exercises, guided self-study.
At least one guest lecture falling under the scope of Internationalisation@home.
Recordings of each lecture will be made available shortly after class and will remain accessible until the end of the academic year.
The lifelong learner enrolled in this micro-credential has the ability to take the lectures on campus or online. Regular students cannot enroll in the micro-credential and must follow the regular course.

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Slides of classes
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no

Type: Reader

Name: Reader: "EU legislation and treaties" and "case law of the CJEU"
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Available on Ufora : Yes

References

Two readers, made available digitally, with EU legislation, treaties and relevant domestic law on the one hand, and CJEU case law on the other hand.

Course content-related study coaching

Explanation of the method of study and the method of examination during the lectures and on Ufora. More insight is given during the plenary exercises. Examples of questions are discussed at the end of the term.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

The lifelong learner enrolled in this micro-credential takes the exam along with the

regular students.

Calculation of the examination mark

Facilities for Working Students

Possibility of exemption from attendance with substitute assignment after consultation with the lecturer
Possibility of oral examination with written preparation at another time within the academic year.
Possibility of feedback by appointment during and after office hours.