

Archival Law (A002679)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

[Master of Arts in Archival Science: Heritage and Records Management](#)

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offering

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

This educational part contains in parts:

- lectures
- plenary exercises on cases, jurisprudence, legal initiatives, etc.
- discussions on legal competence aspects of archival practice
- feedback about readings.

Position of the course

This course wants to enable students to:

- obtain and process detailed knowledge about sources of Belgian law and the places where they are found with regards to 1° the administration and use of finding aids for archives and 2° the protection moveable cultural heritage;
- gain an understanding of the genesis and the current state of laws and regulations that govern private and public archives in Belgium;
- learn to assess methodological problems, uncertainty and the limits of this knowledge.
- enforceable archives law to be applied in archival practice.

Contents

The course deals with:

- the regulations governing Belgian archives from the French revolutionary period until today at federal administrative level as well as at the level of the communities and regions, and with regards to public as well as private archives,
- the laws and decrees on the publicity of the administration and on the protection of privacy, and their application on archives,
- legislation and jurisprudence as regards the public field and copy and reproduction right.

Initial competences

The students have the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired in the courses of the Bachelor and Master programmes in History or have acquired this knowledge and skill via other means.

Final competences

- At the end of the courses, the students are able to state, summarize and describe all parts of archival law.
- They are familiar with the application in archival practices of the laws on archives, on the publicity of the administration and on privacy protection, when it concerns the consultation of archive documents.
- They have sufficient understanding to be able to identify, show, substantiate and assess the sticking points in the application of the laws and rules in force.

- They are able to critically approach new law initiatives regarding archives and to assess whether or not they are sufficient, relevant and practicable.
- They are able to formulate proposals to adjust and improve the laws and regulations in force and they can substantiate solutions for competence problems.
- They are able to compare Belgian archive law with foreign archive laws.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Study material

None

References

Digital sources, knowledge of which is NOT mandatory, are discussed and elucidated during the lectures.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support via e-mail.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

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

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written examination with five open questions: 1 knowledge question and 4 deliberation questions (problems).

Calculation of the examination mark

100% period-bound (written)

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours

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