

## EU Law, Institutions and Languages (A704002)

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

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

excursion

lecture

### Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

Defrancq, Bart

LW22

lecturer-in-charge

### Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

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Exchange Programme Applied Language Studies	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, French)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, German)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, Italian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, Russian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, Spanish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, English, Turkish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, French, German)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, French, Italian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, French, Russian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, French, Spanish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, French, Turkish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, German, Italian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, German, Russian)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, German, Spanish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting(main subject Dutch, German, Turkish)	5	A
Postgraduate Certificate Dutch and Translation	5	A

### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

EU law, EU institutions, Languages and translation in the EU institutions

### Position of the course

The course aims at providing students of the Postgraduate Certificate "Conference Interpreting" with a solid background in the law, the institutions and the languages of the European Union and a feel of the work-flow at one of the translation services of the EU. Besides the transfer of basic knowledge, the course also aims at helping students gain insight in the specific problems a multilingual legal framework poses and in the importance of the translation process therein. On the more general level, it will thus underline the relevance of a training in translation. The course is directly complementary with the course on "Society and Institutions of the Low Countries".

COVID19: in 2020-2021 the first (historical) part of the course will be delivered through online recordings.

### Contents

The course "Law, institutions and languages in the EU" focuses on the history of European integration, the institutional framework of the EU and its reform, the distribution of powers and money inside the EU, the specificity of EU law, the status of languages and the translation

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issue inside the EU. The subject matter of the course is thematically ordered. The course also comprises an excursion to one of the translation services at the EU.

### **Initial competences**

Skills to be expected of a Master graduate with a broad interest in conference interpreting or of a four year's bachelor in interpreting.  
A fair knowledge of English.

### **Final competences**

- 1 Advanced knowledge of the institutions of the EU and their functioning, of the history of European integration and its multiple aspects.
- 2 Advanced knowledge of translation and interpreting in a multilingual legal environment.
- 3 Awareness of the specific nature of the EU as an international legal order.

### **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**

Excursion, Lecture

### **Learning materials and price**

Books:

- Cini, M. (2019), *European Union Politics*. Sixth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Pariente, A. (2010) *Translation at the European Commission – A History*. Luxembourg: OPEC

Other:

- Powerpoints on the learning platform.

- Online recordings

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

Weekly contact hours.

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous 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**

examination during the second examination period is possible

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Written exam (100%)

The written exam will consist of questions on the subject matter of the course and the study visit

Second Session:

Written exam (100%)

The written exam will consist of questions on the subject matter of the course and the study visit.

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

See heading 'explanatory note to the evaluation methods'.

### **Facilities for Working Students**

Can be requested from the learning track counsellor.

