

Transport Insurance Law (B001443)

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 2026-2027

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	
B (semester 2)	English	Gent	lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject Comparative Law and Transnational Dispute Resolution)	3	B
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International Business Law)	3	B
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International and National Legal Orders)	3	B
Master of Science in Maritime Science	3	B
Exchange Programme in Law	3	B

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Transport insurance, transport insurance industry, cargo insurance, hull insurance, carrier liability insurance, marine insurance, P&I Clubs, aviation insurance

Position of the course

The purpose of the course is: introduction to the transport insurance business, techniques, regulations, contracts and customs. Besides the Belgian market, also a lot of attention is paid to the leading English (London) market.

The course aims at :

Initiation in the discipline of transport insurance

Situating transport insurance law in other legal disciplines (insurance law, transport law, sales law, financial law, competition law, conflicts of laws)

Guidance through the specific sources of transport insurance law and their mutual relationship (supranational legislation, national legislations and self-regulation of the sector via standard general conditions elaborated by professional organizations)

Immersing in the technical terminology of the transport insurance sector, both in the English teaching language and in Dutch

Comparative law approach via highlighting of the differences and similarities in the Common Law (see the leading London transport insurance market) and the civil law legal cultures.

Situating legally the functioning and the organization of the transport insurance business (actors involved, like commercial and mutual insurers, intermediaries, loss adjusters etc.)

Familiarization with transport insurance documents (policies, average certificate, general average certificate, etc.)

Demonstration of the obsolescence of the legal regime in force and need of legislative initiative.

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Contents

The course deals with the following subjects:

- the sources of the regulations;
- the transport insurance business (organisation, functioning, persons involved);
- the classification of transport insurances (cargo, hull, liability);
- marine insurance: in Belgium (Marine Insurance Act and Antwerp Marine Insurance Policy), in Great Britain (Marine Insurance Act and Institute Clauses);
- the inland navigation insurance (in Belgium and in the Netherlands);
- the road transport insurance (C.M.R. policy);
- the aviation insurance;
- the rail transport insurance.

Initial competences

No special knowledge of insurance or transport law is required.

Final competences

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- 2
- 3
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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

The transfer of knowledge is pursued via lectures. Interaction is stimulated via questions, invitation to reflect on the societal dimension of some regulations, and provocation of reaction on points of view. The knowledge of the subject matter acquired is applied via plenary discussion of a number of practical examples and cases. On that occasion, the students are invited to formulate their positions. Creative but substantiated positions are stimulated. Besides the positive law solution of the problem, the case also induces to societal reflection on the positive law.

Study material

None

References

- BERNAUW, K., DE WIT, R., SOMERS, E. en STEVENS, F., Larcier Themawetboek Transportrecht, Brussel, Larcier, 2012,
- BERNAUW, K., COLLE, P., JOCQUE, G. en WEYTS, B., Larcier Themawetboek Verzekeringen, Brussel, Larcier, 2014
- See also bibliography in the syllabus.

Course content-related study coaching

Individual study coaching can be provided if required.

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

100% written exam (half open book: the use of legal texts is allowed).

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam