GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2024-2025

International and European River Law (B001444)

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

Credits 3.0 **Study time 90 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2027-2028

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

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

De Decker, Marc	RE22	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028	**crdts**	**offering**
Master of Science in Maritime Science	3	B

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

International river law, European river law

Position of the course

Providing understanding of the international legal rules dealing with the navigational use of inland waterways, in particular the pan-European waterways network, and enhancing the knowledge of the international norms with respect to the legal regime of international rivers and other waterways for navigational uses, international IWT conventions and IWT transport policy under EU law

Contents

The legal status of European international rivers – status under international law, substantive parts, beneficiaries, traffic and transport rights, river commissions, relationship with non navigational uses and European Union law, etc. -, and other waterways of the pan-European network as well as international IWT conventions - transport conditions, limitation of liability, social and working conditions, ship's registration and measurement, collisions, waste disposal, transport of dangerous goods etc. - and the IWT and infrastructure policy under EU law – traffic and transport rights, specific provisions – will be dealt with.

Initial competences

Having basic knowledge of public international law

Final competences

1 Having general knowledge and understanding of the legal status of European international rivers and other waterways of the pan-European IWT network for navigational uses and understanding the traffic and transport conditions related to this use.
2 Linking theory to practice and being able to solve practical cases concerning the legal regime of inland waterways.

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 form of ex cathedra courses is used, with possibility of asking questions and analysing and discussing cases.

Study material

None

References

Final Act of the Congress of Vienna and special river acts (Rhine, Danube, Moselle, Sava, Scheldt and Meuse conventions)
CMNI/CLNI/CDNI Conventions

Course content-related study coaching

Students can contact the lecturer for additional explanations

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

In order to evaluate the ability of students to link several parts of the course content, students will have to be able to resolve cases and to analyse a current problem through a legal argumentation

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam