

Notarial Private International Law (B001517)

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

Credits 3.0 **Study time 90 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2) Dutch Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

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Master of Laws in Notarial Law	3	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Private international law – notary in an international context – marriage/partnership – matrimonial/partnership property – state and capacity – protection of adults – international successions – international properties

Position of the course

This course aims to teach students the necessary reflexes when dealing with notarial cases with a cross-border element. Through a good knowledge of the origin, source and structure of the private international instruments, this course wants to enable students to ask the right questions and formulate the correct solutions when faced with a case.

Contents

Private international law relevant to notaries. The course deals with (some parts may receive more attention than others):

- Overview of the international, European and Belgian sources
- Tools for finding and interpreting private international law and foreign law
- The role and competences of the notary in an international context
- Conflict of laws with regard to forms of cohabitation, matrimonial/partnership property, status and capacity, protection of adults, international successions and international properties
- The acceptance of notarial deeds across national borders

Initial competences

The knowledge gained in the obligatory course internationaal privaatrecht (Master of Laws program).

Basic insight into the role of the notary, gained during the first semester of the program.

Final competences

- 1 Thorough knowledge of the components of private international law that are crucial in notarial practice
- 2 Easily finding and working with the sources of private international law
- 3 Analysing concrete cases in the light of their international elements: filtering the relevant data to describe the international problem and to propose hypotheses of solution
- 4 Developing a lifelong learning attitude in relation to topics related to private international law, by identifying, interpreting and critically reflecting on current developments in this domain
- 5 Paying attention to and respecting cultural sensitivity and diversity

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

The lectures provide a general overview of private international law that is relevant to notaries' practice. These lectures are as much as possible interactive. The student is expected to always take along the private international sources, to be able to analyze and apply them to concrete cases. In preparation of the lectures, the student must go through legal doctrine and/or jurisprudence on specific topics.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Basic sources of private international law
Indicative price: € 40
Optional: yes
Language : Dutch
Author : De Meyer, Erauw en Verhellen
ISBN : 978-9-40303-053-1
Number of Pages : 444
Alternative : own collection of sources
Oldest Usable Edition : 2023
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : Yes
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Type: Slides

Name: Slides Notarial private international law
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Language : Dutch
Available on Ufora : Yes

References

Course content-related study coaching

The lecturer is always available for questions and feedback.

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 based on the documentation and material that was presented, analysed and discussed during the lectures.

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam

