GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2026-2027

Transport Law (B001793)

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

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

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Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Maritime Science	3	A
Exchange Programme in Law	3	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Transport regulation, contract of carriage, transport documents, cargo transport, passenger transport, transport modes

Position of the course

The carriage of goods and persons plays an important role in society and in the economy: all production and all consumption require transportation. As a result, it constitutes a crucial economic sector in its own right and is subject to specific sets of rules. This course covers all relevant aspects of transport law: both from a public law and private law point of view; from a national, regional and international perspective; with respect to transportation of persons (passengers) and goods (cargo); and according to various transport modes (air, sea, road, rail, inland navigation). The theory is taught through normal lectures and is subsequently put into practice by means of interactive seminars.

Contents

• General introduction
• Public transport law
- Rationale for public intervention
- Public transport law on different levels (international, regional, national)
• Private transport law
- General context
- Road transport (CMR, EU Reg No 181/2011)
- Rail transport (COTIF-CIM, COTIF-CIV)
- Maritime transport (B/L, C/P, PAL Convention, EU Reg No 1177/2010)
- Inland navigation (CMNI, EU Reg No 1177/2010)
- Air transport (Montreal Convention)
- Multimodal transport

Initial competences

Having basic knowledge of general legal rules and principles

Final competences

1 Understanding the main principles and characteristics of transport law
2 Having knowledge of the legal rules governing different modes of transport
3 Applying the rules and principles of transport law to actual cases
4 Critically assessing topical issues and new developments within transport law
5 Presenting and discussing topical issues and new developments within transport

law

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

Group work, Seminar, Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lecture: during the ex cathedra classes, the theory is explained and students are stimulated to ask questions and to participate actively.
- Group work: students have to prepare a presentation on a topical issue related to transport law in small groups.
- Seminar: following the theoretic lectures, students learn how the theory is put into practice through interactive seminars. The seminars consist of presentations by students, explanations by the lecturer and group discussions, and focus on the practical application of a specific set of rules, the legal analysis of a case or relevant topical developments within the field of transport law.

No lecture recordings or livestreams are provided within this course.

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Slides Transport Law
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Number of Slides : 183
Available on Ufora : Yes
Additional information: Slides contain the study material and serve as syllabus

Type: Reader

Name: Bundle Treaties and Regulations Transport Law
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Available on Ufora : Yes
Additional information: A printed version of selected treaties and regulations of Transport Law (provided through Ufora) may be used during the exam

References

- Soyer, B. & Tettenborn, A. (eds.), *International Trade and Carriage of Goods*, Routledge, 2016, 410 p.
- Kasi, A., *The Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea*, Springer, 2021, 580 p.
- Wilson, J.F., *Carriage of Goods by Sea*, Pearson Longman, 2010, 616 p.

Course content-related study coaching

- Students can contact the lecturer or assistant through e-mail if they have questions or require additional explanation.
- Instructions on the presentation are provided on Ufora.
- Information regarding the exam (including an explanation of the types of questions and a number of examples) is provided during class.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous 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

Participation, Presentation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

- Written exam: evaluation based on a variety of open questions to assess knowledge and insight.
- Presentation: evaluation of the presentations during the seminars in terms of insight in the legal framework, identification of the relevant aspects, critical analysis and presentation skills.
- Participation: evaluation of the active participation during the seminars.

Calculation of the examination mark

- Written exam: 60%
- Presentation: 20%
- Participation: 20%

Facilities for Working Students

In accordance with Education and Examination Code