

Seminar on Local Government (F710354)

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Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 5.0	Study time 150 h	Contact hrs	45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	self-reliant study activities	1.25 h
			excursion	7.5 h
			group work	2.5 h
			lecture	31.25 h
			online lecture	0.0 h
			guided self-study	2.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Voets, Joris	EB25	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management	5	A
Linking Course Master of Science in Public Administration and Management	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Local government and local governance; policy making in local government; interaction between formal institutions and rules in use.

Position of the course

This course is a specialized one, focussing on the regime of local government and local governance. We offer an in-depth analysis of the functioning of local government which is the result of a mix of interactions between politicians and public officials and of interactions between public authorities and the public. The use of the concept regime is no coincidence: local governance is influenced by a specific set of variables. Local government is part of the organisation of public administration and is embedded in those institutions, while local government is also embedded in a specific local environment with own contingent institutions.

Contents

The course starts with a panoramic overview of local government from an international perspective.

The second part is a thorough analysis of the Belgian constitution and the way local government is institutionalised in the complex process of state reform.

The third part is an analysis of competencies of local government, the way local government is organised and the internal functioning of local government.

The fourth part is more management oriented: the finances of local government and the trends concerning management of personnel.

The last part focuses on the interaction between politicians and public officials.

Initial competences

Introduction to Public Administration and Policy Studies, Administrative Law.

Final competences

- 1 Understanding specific policy and management issues at the local level from a legal and public administration perspective
- 2 Contextualising policy challenges at the local level
- 3 Addressing a research question demonstrating a research attitude
- 4 Connecting public administration and governance issues with legal frameworks and vice versa
- 5 Applying analytical framework to real-life cases in an integrated manner

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, excursion, group work, lecture, self-reliant study activities, online lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Courses, guest speakers and study visits.

Group work: analysing real-life cases

Learning materials and price

reader

References

Course content-related study coaching

Questions can be asked about the lectures and the group work.

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Oral examination, assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Calculation of the examination mark

100 % NPE