

## Seminar on Local Government (F710354)

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

**Credits** 5.0

**Study time** 150 h

**Contact hrs**

45.0h

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)

Dutch

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self-reliant study activities

1.25h

excursion

7.5h

group work

2.5h

lecture

31.25h

online lecture

0.0h

guided self-study

2.5h

### Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Voets, Joris

EB25

lecturer-in-charge

### Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

[Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management](#)

**crdts**

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**offering**

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[Linking Course Master of Science in Public Administration and Management](#)

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### 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**

Online lecture, Group work, Guided self-study, Excursion, Lecture, Self-reliant study activities

**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.

**Assessment moments**

continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period****Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period****Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Oral examination, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Calculation of the examination mark**

100 % NPE