Université catholique de Louvain

Economic, legal, social and political issues in German-speaking countries

5.0 credits

LMULT2411

2013-2014

30.0 h + 15.0 h

1+2q

Teacher(s) :	Bouillon Henri (coordinator) ;
Language :	Allemand
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	B1+ level of listening and reading and B1 level of speaking (Common European Framework of Reference).
Main themes :	The course touches on the economic, legal, social and political issues in German-speaking countries. It describes the political institutions and the different actors (parties, trends) and tackles the important legal questions discussed in society. During the course, we will describe the major recent social trends by studying the different participants (employers, trade unions, etc.) Finally, the economic underpinnings of the country will be tackled (finance, employment, the structure of companies, management, etc.), in order to speed up the economic immersion in the economic life of these countries. This course also has a seminar component (15 hours) where different aspects of the course are discussed in German using articles and videos.
Aims :	By the end of the course, students should have acquired a solid knowledge of the economic, legal, social and political issues in German-speaking countries. They should be able to describe in detail the political institutions, the different social actors (employers, trade unions, etc.) and the important social questions discussed in the German-speaking countries. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	Written and/or oral examination: the written part consists of a case study that the student will write on a legal, social or political topic chosen by the student. The oral part of the exam will be based on the theoretical part of the course.
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Content :	The course touches on the economic, legal, social and political issues in German-speaking countries using a variety of sources: newspaper articles, videos, internet sites, etc.) Emphasis will also be placed on the current events of the countries concerned using different media (newspapers, television etc.)
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Other infos :	 The teacher will, whenever possible, invite members from the business, diplomatic and journalistic world to come and speak to the students. Part 2 of the course (15 hours) is given by the Institut des Langues Vivantes (ILV).
Cycle and year of study :	 Master [120] in Political Sciences: General Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations Master [120] in Management Master [120] in Business engineering Master [120] in Economics: General Master [120] in Multilingual Communication Master [120] in Public Administration Master [120] in Information and Communication Master [120] in Information and Communication Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : German, Dutch and English Master [120] in Modern Languages and Literatures : General
Faculty or entity in charge:	MULT