





4.00 credits

30.0 h

Q1

Teacher(s)	Christians Louis-Léon ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The legal status of religious diversity in Europe. The relationship between religious laws and state laws. The variety and comparison between State regulation of Religions in Europe. Ways to prevent and resolve religious conflicts, both in terms of private ethical questions and of public policy. An interdisciplinary approach through law, political philosophy, theology and sociology of european religious diversity.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 put into perspective the evolution of the modes of State regulation of religions in modern societies.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>There are no final exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active weekly participation will be assessed for 30% of the final grade. • 30% of the final grade will come from the evaluation of one-off services (progress notes, news analyses, "Law Clinic"-type services at the OJUREL (http://belgianlawreligion.unblog.fr) legal observatory on religion in Belgium, or at the EUREL European Network (https://eurel.info) - on the comparative status of religions in Europe), or at the new Intercultural Observatory of Religious Sciences (UCLouvain). • 40% of the final grade will be based on a final presentation of the best European arguments on the chosen theme. This final presentation will take the form of a scientific poster competition with oral communication., This exercise will be prepared and accompanied for each group. The evaluation will take into account the student's original discipline. <p>For the September session, a written assignment will account for 100% of the final grade.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>In 2023-24, the course will follow a new formula: accompanying the research carried out by the students. After some introductory sessions (presenting the course theme and the method of working together), each weekly session will be devoted to a discussion chosen by a group of students in turn. Students are expected to take the floor in a variety of ways (on topical issues, and/or through active participation in the new Observatoire intercultu(r)el en sciences des religions (UCLouvain).</p> <p>Student attendance is required, and participation is included in the final assessment (30% of the grade).</p> <p>In 2023-24, sessions will take place on Friday 1Q 10:45-12:45.</p>
Content	<p>The course aims to discuss the major conceptual developments in European law with regard to questions and disputes concerning religions, beliefs and consciences, both personal and collective. The issues will be chosen through discussion with the students themselves. Each group will be in charge of a thematic to be studied with the help of comparative law. One or two foreign guests are also invited to present a topical issue.</p> <p>Examples of themes: Church-State relations - human rights - minority rights - participatory democracy - the right to secrecy of beliefs - non-discrimination - freedom of worship - freedom of expression of beliefs ' exceptions of conscience - civil disobedience - politics and religion - recognition - identity - religious neutrality of the State - financing of religious denominations in Europe - exceptions of conscience and reasonable accommodation - religion at work - autonomy of religious denominations and human rights (privacy, rights of defense) - Religion and education - Religion and health care - Religion and prison - Sectarian abuses - Religion and family (marriage, divorce, child-rearing, circumcision) - Ritual slaughter - Religious tribunals and arbitration - Religion and health (COVID-19 health crisis) etc.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students will be able to use the main European research tools in the field of "law and religion" and will be able to conduct documentary research in these areas.</p>
Inline resources	see the moodle website of this course

Bibliography	Cfr le cours sur moodle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ROBBERS, G. (ed.), Etats et Eglises dans l'Union européenne, 2e Edition, Baden Baden, Nomos, 2009 : texte integral en accès libre online : http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=25059&L=1#c49875• DOE, N., Law and Religion in Europe. A comparative Introduction, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011• MASSIGNON, B., RIVA, V., L'Europe, avec ou sans Dieu ?, Paris, Editions de l'Atelier, 2010, 288 pp.
Other infos	Please note: the number of law students (BAC2, BAC3) is limited to the first 24 registered on the course moodle. Students from other programs than Law are not subject to this numerus clausus. All students are required to attend, and participation is included in the final assessment (30% of the grade).
Faculty or entity in charge	CISR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Additionnal module in law	APPDRT	5		
Minor in Law (openness)	MINODROI	5		
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		