

Faculty of Law



DROI1225 Criminal Procedure

[30h+8h exercises] 4 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

The course is intended to provide students with understanding of the major issues linked to criminal trials, from the pre-trial phase (police inquiries or judicial investigation) to the trial itself and the use of remedies. It includes a study of the organisation of the judiciary and police, of competence in criminal proceedings and of the various stages of the criminal trial as such.

Main themes

The subject matter includes the rules of judicial organisation, competence in criminal matters and criminal procedure as such. The topics covered include the general principles governing the law on criminal procedure, the rules related to public and civil actions, the pre-trial phase (police inquiries, judicial investigation, detention on remand), the trial itself, and the means of recourse against the verdict.

The training focuses mainly on Belgian law, but also takes account of comparative law and sometimes examines possible reforms.

This course is given in a large auditorium and takes the form of lectures.

Given its objectives, it describes the status of the law and case law, and seeks to create analytical interchanges with the students.

A continuous attention is paid to the formal sources of the subject.

Compulsory sessions of practical training (8 hours) provide the students with the opportunity to develop a practical approach of the subjects taught. These sessions are prepared by the students, whose performances are evaluated by an assistant.

Together with the head of the department, the teacher sees that the practical training and the lectures are coherent and well connected, including with respect to the evaluation.

Other credits in programs

DROI12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en droit	(4 credits)	Mandatory
DROI13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en droit		