

# EU Criminal Law

## Lecturers

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## Course mnemonic

DROI-0615

## ECTS credits

5 credits

## Language(s) of instruction

French

## Course period

First term

## Campus

Solbosch

## Course content

After a general introduction, the course will be divided into 5 main parts:

- > institutional aspects (I);
- > cooperation mechanisms, including the actors (police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (II));
- > Approximations of legislations (substantive and procedural criminal law) (III);
- > Sectoral approach (the case of terrorism) (IV);
- > external relations (V).

## Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The course deals with the "internal" dimension of EU Criminal law, i.e. the cooperation between EU Member States, but also its "external dimension", in particular EU cooperation with third countries (e.g. Schengen associated countries, the United States, Japan) and third party organizations (mainly the Council of Europe, the United Nations and Interpol).

Please note that the course will be taught in English.

## Pre-requisites and co-requisites

### Required knowledge and skills

N/A

## Teaching method and learning activities

Lecture course.

Study trip to the CJEU (if possible)

## Contribution to the teaching profile

The objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive overview on the functioning of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU. When relevant, the instruments of the Council of Europe dealing with criminal law issues will feed the discussion. The course therefore aims to strengthen knowledge in criminal law and European law.

## References, bibliography and recommended reading

For the students who wish to deepen their knowledge or to complete a "travail de fin d'études" on this subject, a selective bibliography will be provided at the beginning of the class. The references are classified according to the division of the course into five main parts.

## Course notes

Université virtuelle

## Other information

### Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

### Contact(s)

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## Evaluation method(s)

Other and written examination

### Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

The evaluation will be based on a written exam which will take place at the end of the first semester (January). The exam will consist in a case study or a commentary on a judicial decision (e.g. CJEU) and of a more theoretical lecture question. The questions of the exam will be formulated in English but the students are free to answer in French or in English.

### Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

The written exam will account for the whole of the final mark. It should be noted that active participation during the course and preparation of each session using the readings indicated will be duly taken into account.

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

## Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Law and Criminology

MA-DROI | **Master in Law** | finalité Public and International law/unit 2, finalité Economic and Labour law/unit 2 and finalité Civil and Penal law/unit 2 and MS-DREU | **Specialized Master in European Law** | unit U

