



**30 ECTS-credit
Programme
in English**

September 2018 – February 2019

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Next September, the Faculty of Law of the University of Girona will offer for the first time in its history a 30 ECTS-credit programme in English, specifically designed for incoming students.

The programme, which will be offered during the first semester of every academic year, is aimed at students with a general interest in law, criminology or political science.

The courses included in the programme are:

Introduction to Political Science (6 ECTS credits)

Politics. Sovereignty and political power. Division of powers: executive, legislative, judicial. State and institutions. Constitution, legality and legitimacy. Representative democracy and direct democracy; non democratic regimes. Territorial distribution of power. Elections and electoral systems. Public administration and public policies. Political parties. Social movements and interest groups. Citizenship. Nation and nationalism. Values and ideologies. Governance and governability. Civil society, political culture and cleavages. Political communication, public opinion and the media.

European Legal Tradition I (3 ECTS credits)

European legal tradition beyond the field of private law. Roman criminal law. Outline of Roman criminal prosecution and of Roman criminal courts and procedure between the Twelve Tables and the later Roman Empire. Private crimes (delicta). Public crimes (crimina).

Law and Economics (3 ECTS credits)

General framework. Positive analysis. Normative analysis. The concept of efficiency. The Coase Theorem. Private law: Contracts. Benefits of exchange. Enforcing legal agreements. Tort law. Reducing the costs of accidents. Optimal deterrence. Risk aversion and insurance. Public law: Criminal law. What acts should be made criminal offenses? The decision to commit a crime and the definition of optimal punishment. Different kinds of criminal response. The economics of politics: Public choice theory. Elections, representation and democratic legitimacy.

Globalization and Politics (3 ECTS credits)

The course analyses how the process of globalization-globalization has produced relevant changes in four major dimensions of the political world: 1. The form of parties and groups and their behaviour (politics); 2. The type of institutions and forms of democratic governance (polity); 3. Public policies that provide services and goods (policy); and 4. Ideas on the central themes of public life: liberty-equality-justice. The course will approach the topic of globalization through the study of specific cases, some local and others international.

English for Social Sciences (3 ECTS credits)

This course aims to develop the necessary English skills for successful academic study and professional progress in the areas of law, criminology and political science. Students will work to improve their speaking, writing, reading and listening competency through interactive activities and material specifically related to the social sciences. There will be a strong focus on the vocabulary and grammatical structures necessary for oral and written academic communication, such as presentations and papers.

Sociology of Punishment (3 ECTS credits)

Punishment and society. Punishment as a social institution. Frameworks for thinking about punishment. Categories. Durkheim. Emotion and morality. Historical approach to the development of punishment. Marxism. Political economy of punishment. Class struggle. Relations of domination. Capitalism. Law as ideology. Relations between penal system and labour market. Michel Foucault. Disciplines. Panopticon. Prisons. Transformations of penal power. Social control. Norbert Elias. Civilizing process. Sensibilities about punishment. Pacification of social space. Self-constraints. Transformation of punishment. Public executions. Uses of theories. Different approaches to the understanding of collective reaction towards crime.

Community Sanctions and Measures (3 ECTS credits)

The meaning of community sanctions and measures in Europe. Punishment in the community vis-a-vis imprisonment in European jurisdictions. Probation. Drug and alcohol treatment. Suspended sentences. Community service/unpaid work orders. Electronic monitoring. Criminological discussions: alternatives to prison or instruments to widen the net of penal control? Rehabilitation vs control of offenders: the role of risk management. Professional cultures in the criminal justice system and the role of judges and probation/parole officers.

Consumer Contracts (3 ECTS credits)

EU consumer law. Consumer protection as an EU policy. EU consumer policy and consumer rights. Consumer concepts. Market conditions. Free competition and fair trading. Consumer protection and competition law. Unfair commercial practices. Formation of consumer contracts. Unfair terms in consumer contracts. Sale of consumer goods. Conformity. Remedies for lack of conformity. Consumer credit. Information requirements. Substantive protection rules (responsible lending). Travel law. Transport, package travel, time sharing.

Introduction to Comparative Law (3 ECTS credits)

Comparative law. Concept, history and functions of comparative law. Comparative methodology. Comparing legal systems. The theory of legal systems. Civil law legal systems: French and German systems as examples. The English common law and its extension in the world. The so-called mixed legal systems. Other global traditions: China, Japan and Muslim law. Sources and methods compared. Sources and application of law: the role of the judge and the position of the written law in comparative perspective. Comparative approach to procedural rules and practices. European private law. Comparative law and the quest for European private law.

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We are a modern Law School with lots of interesting activities just for you, nice weather throughout the year and a perfect location: close to both the coast and the mountains and only 38 minutes away from Barcelona.

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Website of the Faculty: <https://www.udg.edu/ca/fd>

Study at the UdG: <https://www.udg.edu/ca/study-at-the-udg> and

<http://www2.udg.edu/mobilitat/WouldyouliketocometotheUdG/tabid/17562/language/ca-ES/Default.aspx>

Further questions?

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