



SYLLABUS LAW & POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

2023-2024

1st and 2nd Semesters

Paris-Panthéon-Assas University now offers international students a series of twelve courses which are entirely taught in English.

These courses focus on French, European and International Law and are also attended by French students. Your students would be able to choose, in accordance with the different programs, between a selection of courses taught only in French, courses taught only in English, or a mix of the two.

Students who choose only courses taught in English must attend 4.5 hours of French language classes per week.

COURSES ENTIRELY TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

First semester :

- French Business Law (L11064AC)

This course aims to present the fundamentals of business law and provide general legal knowledge in these fields. The different topics are: Identification of the different professionals involved in business law, and presentation of the original assets they may own, Company law, Competition law, Distribution Law and Insolvency law.

- French Constitutional Law (L12089AC)

This course aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of French constitutional law. Starting with an analysis of the creation of the Fifth Republic, the course studies the content of the French Constitution, the nature of France's political regime, the powers of the different branches and the constitutional guarantee of fundamental rights.

- Duality and other Specificities of the French Court System (L12094AC)

The course will focus on the duality of the French court system, on the specificity of the joint adjudicatory and advisory role played by the Council of the state at the top of the administrative court system. The second part of the course will revolve around the litigation rules which apply before the judicial and administrative courts as well as around the French law professions. The third part will look into recent and forthcoming French reforms.

- History of Codifications (L13005AC)

This course deals with the origins of the phenomenon of codification in legal history, distinguishing between the types of codifications and analyzing the purposes of codifications. The course examines the codifications before Modern Times and then analyzes the philosophical and legal bases of the movement of codification, focusing on Allgemeine Landrecht-1786-1794), Codex Theresianus (1753-1766) and Napoleonic codifications.

-French Law of Obligations (L11073AC)

The aim of this course is to offer an introduction into the French law of obligations in a comparative perspective. It will focus on what the French Civil Code and the sources of obligations. French law makes a distinction between the general rules on contracts and rules which are specific to certain types of contracts, such as the contract of sale. French law recognizes several heads of liability in tort. The course will focus on the most important ones. Comparisons will be drawn with the way the issues under scrutiny are dealt with in other major European legal traditions.

- Introduction to Cross-border Litigation (L11077AC)

This course is an introduction to the study of the rules implemented by French courts to solve disputes having a cross-border dimension. The course covers the fundamental principles of conflict of laws, the determination of domestic courts, international jurisdiction and the enforcement of foreign decisions. By way of illustration, the course introduces the main rules relating to the determination of the international jurisdiction of courts and the law applicable in contractual matters. Finally, the course also provides an introduction to the study of international commercial arbitration.

Second semester

- History of the European Legal Systems (L13004AC)

The purpose of the class is to trace the major steps in the formation of the Civil Law and the Common Law traditions. The first part describes the antique foundations of both traditions in the Greek and Roman periods, and the two other parts review the historical development of each system until the 18th century, focusing on the legal sources and the role of codification.

- Government and the Economy in France: a Historical Perspective (L12098AC)

The objective of this course is to examine the interactions between government, business, public opinion and the media in France, familiarize students with the functions and responsibilities carried out by government economic agencies and give students the opportunity to discuss current economic policy issues and put them in historical perspective.

- European International Relations (L12097AC)

Serving as an introductory course in international relations, this class will attempt to bring meaning to the modern world through the study of political events, phenomena, and processes which occur beyond the territorial boundaries of the modern state. The course is designed to provide students with the analytical tools and intellectual frameworks needed to understand the behavior of states and other actors in contemporary world politics.

- Philosophy of Law: "Human Rights and their Critics" (L12082AC)

This course aims at better defining the theoretical, political and legal strengths and weaknesses of human rights by examining the issues raised by the questions of the foundation of human rights (1), what/who the man of human rights is (2), what their content is (3) and finally what their possible uses are (4), as well as by testing potential answers.

- European Law (L12093AC)

The course aims at providing an introduction to the core elements and key-issues of European Law, both in its institutional and substantive dimensions. It will present the historical evolution of European construction before discussing what the European Union currently is and what it can do. The course will then deal with issues such as European governance, the adoption of European legislation and enforcement mechanisms, the main implications of the two structural principles of the European legal order, and the workings of the European internal market.

-History and Principles of French Intellectual Property Law (L10057AC)

This course will delve into the historical roots of French intellectual property law by looking, *inter alia*, into the origins of patents and trademarks. It will then tackle the core principles of trade mark law, patent law, designs and copyrights and alternative dispute resolution.