

ASSIGNMENTS

BEFORE AND DURING EACH TEACHING PERIOD

The first assignment consists of two parts and is intended to stimulate active preparation for and involvement in the course.

A. Short presentation prepared before the beginning of the teaching period

All students are expected to be actively involved in one of the lectures. For this purpose we expect:

- (i). A 2-page bullet point overview submitted before the start of the programme.
- (ii). A 10-15 minute presentation on the basis of the bullet point overview.

Deadline: The deadline for the bullet point submission is Friday, at 13:00 (week 0) of the week prior to the beginning of the Block (week 1). Please submit the assignment by email to the Block Coordinator and nselp@rug.nl.

Grading: 15% of block grade (A and B combined account for 30% of the block grade).

B. Short paper written during the teaching period and presented at the last day of the course

- (i). Short written paper (2 - 3 pages)
- (ii). Presentation 10 - 15 minutes on Friday week 2 (13.00-17.00).

Deadline: There are 2 different deadlines. One for submitting the topic and then for submitting the short paper. Please submit the assignments by email to the Block Coordinator and nselp@rug.nl.

- 1) topic: Thursday week 1, at 9:00
- 1) paper: Wednesday week 2, at 23:30

Topic: Students' own choice, but must relate to one of the lectures given in that specific teaching Block.

Grading: 15% of block grade (A and B combined account for 30% of the block grade).

AFTER EACH TEACHING PERIOD

Essay: 7000 - 8000 words.

Deadline: There are different deadlines according to each phase of the paper. Please do not forget to submit the assignments by email to the Block Coordinator and nselp@rug.nl. The deadlines are:

- 2) topic: Monday week 4, at 9:00
- 3) detailed outline: Monday week 6, at 9:00
- 4) paper: Monday, week 11, at 9:00. Considering that the bullet-point paper was delivered on week 0, the submission of the paper is 8 weeks after the end of the Block.

Topic: Students' own choice, but must relate to a topic covered within the block.

Grading: 70% of block grade.

Please note:

- Considering that the NSELP programme is a masters in Law programme, in order to receive the diploma, after each teaching block, the student needs to prepare a quality academic paper related to the topic of that teaching block that receives at least a minimum pass grade.
- The end of block written assignment and the within-block short paper must cover different topics/subjects.

FINAL THESIS

After the four blocks have been completed in a satisfactory manner, students are expected to write a thesis on an individual basis.

Size of Thesis: 15,000 - 18,000 words, excluding footnotes, graphs, appendixes and textboxes.

Topic: Students' own choice, but within the confinements of the programme and requires approval from the academic coordinators.

Deadlines: Topic is to be determined shortly after the end of Block IV.

Depending on the agreement made between the participant and his or her supervisor, the participant is expected submit to progress reports and/or thesis chapters between submitting the topic and the final thesis.

More detailed instructions on the thesis will follow later in the programme.

	Details	Grading	Deadline
Block I Groningen	2-15 October 2016		
Assignment 1	Bullet point presentation	30 %	Friday 30 September 2016, 13:00 (afternoon)
Assignment 2	Short paper/presentation		Wednesday 12 October 2016, 23:30 (evening)
Assignment 3	Essay, 7000 - 8000 words	70 %	Monday 12 December 2016, 9:00 (morning)

	Details	Grading	Deadline
Block II Oslo	29 Jan - 11 Feb 2017		
Assignment 1	Bullet point presentation	30 %	Friday 27 January 2017, 13:00 (afternoon)
Assignment 2	Short paper/presentation		Wednesday 8 February 2017, 23:30 (evening)
Assignment 3	Essay, 7000 - 8000 words	70 %	Monday 10 April 2016, 9:00 (morning)

	Details	Grading	Deadline
Block III Aberdeen	18 June - 1 July 2017		
Assignment 1	Bullet point presentation	30 %	Friday 16 June 2017, 13:00 (afternoon)
Assignment 2	Short paper/presentation		Wednesday 28 June 2017, 23:30 (evening)
Assignment 3	Essay, 7000 - 8000 words	70 %	Monday 28 August 2017, 9:00 (morning)

	Details	Grading	Deadline
Block IV Copenhagen	22 October - 4 November 2017		
Assignment 1	Bullet point presentation	30 %	Friday 20 October 2017, 13:00 (afternoon)
Assignment 2	Short paper/presentation		Wednesday 1 November 2017, 23:30 (evening)
Assignment 3	Essay, 7000 - 8000 words	70 %	Monday 8 January 2018, 9:00 (morning)

Thesis	15.000 - 18.000 words	100 %	To be announced
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STRUCTURE OF THE TEACHING PERIODS

Each teaching period lasts two weeks. Lectures take place from Monday to Friday. There are teaching activities planned in the weekend between the two teaching weeks. Optional joint leisure activities are sometimes planned in the weekend between the two teaching weeks.

As a general rule, the first week teaching days last from 9:15 until 17:00 with a 30 minute to 1 hour lunch break, usually between 12:00 and 13:00. In the second week, teaching will end closer to 15:00 than 17:00. On some days, evening activities are planned, such as lecture or visits to law firms.

Furthermore, a site visit is part of the programme. In most teaching periods a site visit will cover one full day. However, the Groningen block will most likely feature two site visits, each covering one morning or afternoon.

Additionally, representatives from the partner universities will visit the last two days of each teaching period. Thursday in the second week of each period is reserved for a comparative panel. At the last Friday of each teaching period you will present the paper you are expected to write during the two-week teaching period.

In conclusion, the teaching periods have the following schedule:

- 10 teaching days: Monday to Friday, both weeks
- First week with long lecture days
- Second week with shorter lecture days
- Possible evening lectures / visits
- 1 day site visit (two day parts instead in the Groningen teaching period)
- 1 day for you to prepare and present (presentations start at 13:00, after lunch)

Because we take into account feedback constantly, and not all teaching periods have the exact same possibilities, times may differ.