

# 2024 Curtin@Ghent Summer Programme

## Frequently Asked Questions by students

### 1. Are all assessments for a Ghent unit due within the week in which it is taught?

Teaching for each unit will mainly be contained within the week; however, this does not mean all assessments for this unit take place within the week. You are encouraged not to do 4 units at Ghent as it may be too overwhelming and intense to complete. Details of the units and assessments will come out well before the program begins.

### 2. Is there any pre-reading or other preparatory work required for a Ghent unit?

Some units may have lectures available prior to going to Ghent and there may be some requirements to engage in content prior to Ghent. Not all units will be delivered in the same way. Some work may be required before the teaching delivery and after the teaching delivery, with some assessments taking place within the week itself.

### 3. Are there 1:1 cross over with units at Ghent vs Curtin?

When you take a unit, you take a Curtin unit. Though physically in Ghent from an institutional point of view, you remain part of Curtin. It will be different to doing these units at Curtin, just completing them in a different location. LLB optional units will also be offered in trimester 2, 2024 at Perth City Campus but these will not be the same as at Ghent. There is no intention to co-teach units in both locations.

### 4. Are credit points the same?

All units are the standard 25 credit points. You must ensure that you have adequate credit points of LLB optional units remaining on your study plan in order to undertake Ghent units.

### 5. How does it show up in transcripts?

The unit titles may show up under different names. What the unit is called in Ghent may appear differently to what it's called at Bentley.

### 6. Will it clash with clerkships and interviews?

The Ghent study tour may clash with clerkships or interviews in July – August 2024. You will need to double check with various clerkship firms for dates next year as it does change year to year. Any requirement to physically be in Perth might influence what you can do. Some personal responsibility is required from the student to understand what works for them and the timing of their units. It may be that Ghent is simply not suitable based on where students are at in their study plan at that particular time.

### 7. Will Ghent have an impact with trimester 2 units?

The core LLB trimester 2 units (of Administrative Law, Criminal Responsibility and Procedures, Evidence, and Real Property Law) will run as normal all trimester. If you enrol in one of these, you should intend to be present in Perth for class/assessments. Assessment adjustments or extensions may not be possible. If you have incomplete trimester 2 core unit(s) and are aiming to complete your studies in 2024, you need to reflect on whether going to Ghent is possible or it will delay your graduation.

There will be 2 LLB optional units that run quasi-intensively at the start of trimester 2 to facilitate students taking a unit or two in Perth before going to Ghent. If this is the case, please be aware that Curtin's rules about overloading will apply. Seek permission to overload from Curtin Connect but be aware that it may not be granted.

#### **8. Unit fees and HECS?**

The Ghent units can be put on HECS.

#### **9. Personal expenses are out of pocket?**

You will be responsible for the cost of your flights and other travel costs. No dedicated meal plan is associated with the program cost. There are some catered events throughout the course of the program. General living expenses like food are not embedded into the full program cost.

You will need adequate personal funds for day-to-day expenses.

#### **10. Travel insurance?**

Student travel is covered by Curtin through the international team. You are required to submit your itinerary to Curtin and you will be covered for the full round trip.

#### **11. Is a student visa required?**

Confirmed through CIBT Visas Travel, a visa is not required for entry into Belgium, provided that the individual is an Australia citizen with a Western Australia passport. Please do go online (CIBT Visas Travel webpage) should you hold a different passport or are not an Australian citizen.

#### **12. Who organises flights?**

In past, Curtin Law School organised flights; however, experience has shown students tend to change their plans on an ongoing basis and it becomes complex to manage. Curtin Law School has decided that all students will organise their own flights, recognising some students might want to go much earlier, stay back longer, take cheaper or more expensive flight paths. You will have to submit your itinerary to Curtin to ensure insurance will apply, as per above.

#### **13. Completing a double degree with Law - can I still do Ghent?**

If you are a double degree student, you only have space for 3 optional law units on the Law side of your course (75 cps). You should, therefore, consider Ghent in the context of your broader legal studies and if you wish to also engage in Legal Internship or Legal Clinic.

You may be able to discuss unit substitution of a Ghent unit with Arts/Commerce/Psychology general credit points but that is up to the coordinators of those other degrees (it is not a decision for CLS).

#### **14. How many Curtin Law School staff attend?**

Still being worked out. Likely 2-3 staff will go. Some affiliates will attend. Professor Cunningham will be there, in addition to 1-2 Ghent professors being involved in the program.

**15. Do student program fees send Curtin staff to Ghent?**

Student program fees are not used to cover the expenses of staff. Curtin Law School sets aside a budget for Ghent to send selected staff. It costs the School money to run the program on top of the fees paid by students.

**16. How many students are accepted to go to Ghent?**

Capped at 30 with potential flexibility permitted for more.

**17. Accommodation - what would this be like?**

Various options to work through as far as costings are concerned. Curtin Law School is currently investigating whether to create a homogeneous offering for all, or gradient option where if you pay more you get extra things (private versus shared bathroom and living quarters). Other Universities also make use of the accommodation and facilities which may influence type of accommodation secured by Curtin.

**18. If units chosen are done in the first weeks, do I need to stay the whole month?**

It is important for you to commit to the entire month, as it impacts on the dynamics for students to come and go at will and has an impact on planning for incursions, excursions, or other group activities.

**19. How far in advance are units made public?**

Ghent units should be firmed up by March - April 2024. Happy to answer questions along the way. By the end of November, you will know what units are happening when.

**20. Who to assist with trimester 2 unit advice or study loads?**

Contact the Course Leads - Law at [law.courselead@curtin.edu.au](mailto:law.courselead@curtin.edu.au).

Please be advised that the Course Leads will not be able to provide you with a study plan that allows you to take, concurrently, core units in trimester 2 (Administrative Law, Criminal Responsibility and Procedures, Evidence, and Real Property) and Ghent units. We may be able to assist you with cross-institutional study advice if you have 1-2 of these units remaining.