

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# **COURSE SYLLABUS**

# Maltreatment and Abuse: Medico-legal and Criminological Aspects

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#### **Aims**

The course aims to present the different types of violence (definitions, problem size) and their legal framework, explains the medico-legal approach in cases of suspected maltreatment / abuse and illustrates, with the help of clinical cases, psychological signs of maltreatment / abuse and the traumatic developments in minor abuse victims.

#### **Contents**

Medico-legal and criminologic aspects of abuse and neglect

#### **Detailed program**

Violence is a complex problem and it is increasing above all on women and girls and it is necessary to see it in order to protect the weakest subjects. From a judicial fact, today it has become a health and more generally a social problem, thus determining the need to train health workers to the awareness of violence in society, acquiring knowledge for the identification of abuse in its various forms, recognizing the early signs and events, mainly to prepare the appropriate and necessary therapeutic measures, to activate a social intervention and to possibly activate the judicial agencies.

## **Prerequisites**

registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the course

## **Teaching form**

traditional classes/lessons (teacher-led) and presentations of forensic cases (clinical and judiciary)

# Textbook and teaching resource

Liotti G. e Farina B. Sviluppi Traumatici. (2011) Raffaello Cortina Editore, Milano.

Russo F. Lineamenti di psicologia criminale e investigativa. Il criminal profiling per l'analisi dei crimini seriali violenti. (2010) Celid per l'Università, Torino.

Romito P. e Melato M. La violenza sulle donne e sui minori. (2013) Carocci Faber Editore, Roma.

Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (OMS) Quaderni di Sanità Pubblica. Violenza e salute nel mondo. Rapporto dell'Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (parte prima). CIS Editore, Milano, 2002 (whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2002/9241545615\_ita.pdf)

#### Semester

2<sup>nd</sup> semester

#### **Assessment method**

written exam (multiple choice quiz)

#### Office hours

face-to-face or online via webex on appointment arranged by e-mail