UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Juvenile Criminal Law

2122-5-A5810195

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Acquisition of national and international principles and rules, criminological issues, criminal policy directives and other aspects of the youth criminal justice system.

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Interpretation of criminal policy issues in the youth criminal justice system.
- Ability to take decisions concerning the protection and imputability of minors, in accordance with the "best interest of the child" standard.

Contents

The study of juvenile criminal law is characterized by an interdisciplinary method. Criminology, Psychology, Psychiatry and Sociology help in the analysis of the juvenile justice system. Since Italian system does not have a juvenile penal code, the task is to illustrate the outlines of a juvenile justice system in the perspective of the Constitution and of international conventions, starting from the rules of general penal code and the rules of procedure regarding juvenile crime.

Detailed program

Part I: The minor in criminal justice system 1. Criminal policy in the juvenile justice system. 2. The minor offender 3. Legal responses to child distress and to minors' delinquency. 4. Introduction to the reform of juvenile criminal trials of 1988. Part II: The system of sanctions for youth and the problem of imprisonment. Part III: Administrative measures of education Part IV: Reform of the juvenile justice system.

Prerequisites

Diritto Penale and Procedurale penale are recommended

Teaching methods

Frontal lectures and analysis of cases

Assessment methods

Oral exam (on *e-learning-webex* according to University's guide-lines on Covid)

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1) E. Zappalà (a cura di), La giurisdizione specializzata nella giustizia penale minorile, Giappichelli, Torino, ultima edizione

2) Among these texts:

2a: L. Caraceni, M.G. Coppetta (a cura di), L'esecuzione delle pene nei confronti del minorenni (commento al d. lgs. 2 ottobre 2018, n. 121, Giappichelli, 2019, parti Prima e Seconda

2b: A. Maggiolini, M. Di Lorenzo (a cura di), Scelte estreme in adolescenza. Le ragioni emotive dei processi di radicalizzazione, Franco Angeli, 2018

2c: D. Vigoni (a cura di), Il difetto d'imputabilità del minorenne, Giappichelli, 2016, capitoli da 1 a 7.