

COURSE SYLLABUS

Canon Law

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Learning objectives

The course aims to teach the main institutions of Canon Law.

Contents

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Detailed program

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Prerequisites

Fairly good skills in learning and speaking, together with a general knowledge of public and private law.

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1 G. FELICIANI, Le basi del diritto canonico, Il Mulino, Bologna, ultima edizione.

