



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### History of Disability

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#### Aims

The student should know: - the history of aid and disability - the historical evolution of the concept of disability and the use of aid to come through disability - the history of relevant characters in the context of disability and handicap - and comprehend and be able to apply the basic principles of the physical therapist profession, with particular attention to the deontologic aspects, to the relationships between institutions and to the epistemologic and hermeneutic aspects in rehabilitation. - The basic principles of sociology with reference to the public health and assistance. - the reference law for the professional exercise in the public health framework, with particular attention to the deontologic principles of the profession

#### Contents

#### Detailed program

The course aim is to provide tools in order to comprehend the historical development of impairment, disability, handicap as well as the path covered by the medical and social rehabilitation through the use of prosthesis and aid on one side and through the structural modification as well as law and behavioral modifications, and lastly the present concept of rehabilitation as a path that aims to obtain the best recovery of the residual life skills both physical and psychical. The course will inform the student about peculiar aspects that drove, for convergence, at the birth of the modern rehabilitative medicine. The history dawn of the rehabilitation will be presented, the historical evolution of the medical gymnastic, the history of the rehabilitative techniques and the history of prosthesis and aid, highlighting the "age passages" that marked an "epistemologic turn" in the evolution of physical therapy: during the renaissance with the triple discover of the human body (artistic, anatomic, motor) and in the second half of the '900 with the triple discover of neuromotricity (brain development, reversibility of the sensormotor impairment, neural plasticity). The birth and development of the rehabilitation in Italy will presented peculiarity.

## **Prerequisites**

## **Teaching form**

Lectures in attendance or via web according to University indications due to the pandemic emergency

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Oltre la disabilità. Storia della riabilitazione in medicina Sironi Vittorio A. 2004, 176 p., ill., brossura Editore B. A. Graphis (collana Gli strumenti. Serie magenta)

## **Semester**

## **Assessment method**

Described in the subject's syllabus

## **Office hours**

By appointment

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