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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Introduction To History of Medieval and Modern Law - M-Z

2122-1-E1401A076-MZ

Learning objectives

This course aims to guide students through the history of law, from the medieval period to the Contemporary Age, in order to better understand the Present and its future developments. Students will be provided with knowledge of legal terms and categories both logical and conceptual. This course is also designed to help students understand the historical evolution of legal system, gain a critical awareness towards the law, study the past to acquire a broader understanding of the modern legal concepts, learn to know the main European schools of thoughts, adopt a comparative approach to study law.

Contents

This course is designed to provide students with the theoretical skills and knowledge to understand the history of the legal systems in Europe from Middle Age up to the 20th century. It is geared to pick out the effects of the social, legal, economic, political, religious changes happened in the centuries and to give an insight into the links between legal science, law and jurisprudence. All students will be given chances to learn the most important events in the Italian and European legal history in order to provide a pathway into understanding of the links and breaks that mark the history of law sources, legal practice, legal science, power exercise, down the centuries.

Detailed program

ATTENDING STUDENTS:

Notes on the early Middle Ages; legal knowledge and law schools in the Late Middle Ages (glossators and commentators); the Legal Humanism; law sources of “Ius Commune”; notes on the doctrine of natural law; the Enlightenment; from the French Revolution to the codes

NOT ATTENDING STUDENTS:

The schools of Glossators and Commentators; the Legal Humanism; the doctrine of the Natural Law; the Enlightenment; from the French Revolution to the modern codes.

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

Traditional and interactive lessons; analysis of historical sources and documents; slide show.

Assessment methods

The final examination will be oral. Attending students will be questioned in order to ascertain their knowledge of the topics developed in the lessons and covered in the handouts provided on the e-learning platform at http://elearning.unimib.it/. For students who decide not to attend the lectures, the oral examination will take the form of an interview aimed at ascertaining knowledge of the topics covered in the textbook indicated in the "Textbooks and Reading Materials" section.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

ATTENDING STUDENTS:

Lectures notes will be provided during class meetings and they will also be available on the E-learning Faculty Homepage (http://elearning.unimib.it/).

NOT ATTENDING STUDENTS:

A. PADOA SCHIOPPA, Storia del diritto in Europa. Dal medioevo all’età contemporanea, Il Mulino, Bologna 2016,

chapters 7, 12, 18, 23, 27, 28 (paragraphs 1-5), 29, 30 (paragraphs 1-3), 31, 34 (paragraphs 1-2).