

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Public Services Law

2122-1-F6302N028

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

The course aims to offer a good knowledge of the legal framework for public utility services, with specific reference to the fundamental concepts of organization and management of services

Applying knowledge and understanding

The aims of the course are to develop methods of legal analysis of the public utility sectors, and also to design and manage service activities in the knowledge of the legal constraints in force.

Contents

The course aims to develop the analysis of the regime of public utility services, within the framework of European and internal regulations (with comparative references), with specific attention to the discipline of infrastructures and networks. From the managerial point of view, the following are analyzed: the legal constraints attributable to the public property of the companies; the local dimension of services; the different forms of management; the need to

apply the rules on public contracts; public ownership of the assets and the proceduralisation of certain decisions. Finally, the aim is to develop issues relating to the quality of services and user protection.

Detailed program

Taking public decisions and analyzing cost benefits

I) Introductory notions	
The defining scope of public utility services	
From direct public production of services to regulation of related markets: evolutionary profiles	
II) The regulatory framework for public utility services	
Constitutional rules and domestic law	
III) The institutional framework	
Ultra-national bodies	
The independent regulatory authorities	
IV) The forms of management and the subjects	
The in house providing	
Concessions, tenders in competition and competition "for the market	
V) Relevant public functions	
The antitrust function	
The regulatory function	

The proceduralization of regulatory decisions and the AIR
Service / network separation and public service obligations
The pricing of the service
The legal regime of networks
Constraints on contracts
Prerequisites
None
Teaching methods
Frontal lessons and discussion of cases through the formation of groups of students
During the lessons the teacher will organize seminars with public utility companies.
Assessment methods
Oral, save the possibility of written tests for attending students.
The commission will evaluate the degree of knowledge, appropriate use of legal language, critical capacity in the esxposition of issues.
Textbooks and Reading Materials

Semester

First period

Teaching language

Italian