



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Maltreatment and Abuse: Medico-legal and Criminological Aspects

2122-2-I0102D118

Aims

The course aims to present the different types of violence (definitions, problem size) and their legal framework, explains the medico-legal approach in cases of suspected maltreatment / abuse and illustrates, with the help of clinical cases, psychological signs of maltreatment / abuse and the traumatic developments in minor abuse victims.

Contents

Medico-legal and criminologic aspects of abuse and neglect

Detailed program

Violence is a complex problem and it is increasing above all on women and girls and it is necessary to see it in order to protect the weakest subjects. From a judicial fact, today it has become a health and more generally a social problem, thus determining the need to train health workers to the awareness of violence in society, acquiring knowledge for the identification of abuse in its various forms, recognizing the early signs and events, mainly to prepare the appropriate and necessary therapeutic measures, to activate a social intervention and to possibly activate the judicial agencies.

Prerequisites

registration for the 2nd year of the course

Teaching form

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures and presentations of forensic cases (clinical and judiciary)

In case of social distancing for preventing a pandemic: Online Teaching in a *Virtual learning environment* (moodle elearning)

Asynchronous: Videolectures and slides; schemes, articles, videos, podcasts, casework (trial decisions), peer-to-peer learning (expert opinion report)

Synchronous for active student's participation: Q&A lectures, single topic lectures, expert opinion report (how to select a topic, write, present)

Textbook and teaching resource

Italian Court Judgments, guidelines and other educational material uploaded on the e-learning website

Liotti G. e Farina B. *Sviluppi Traumatici*. (2011) Raffaello Cortina Editore, Milano.

Russo F. *Lineamenti di psicologia criminale e investigativa. Il criminal profiling per l'analisi dei crimini seriali violenti*. (2010) Celid per l'Università, Torino.

Romito P. e Melato M. *La violenza sulle donne e sui minori*. (2013) Carocci Faber Editore, Roma.

Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (OMS) *Quaderni di Sanità Pubblica. Violenza e salute nel mondo. Rapporto dell'Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (parte prima)*. CIS Editore, Milano, 2002 (whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2002/9241545615_ita.pdf)

Semester

2nd semester

Assessment method

written exam (multiple choice quiz)

Office hours

Face-to-face or online via webex by appointment arranged via e-mail.
