

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

# Diritto Comparato delle Obbligazioni e dei Contratti

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#### Learning objectives

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#### **Contents**

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The course will start with a theoretical framework and will develop in discussions of cases and other materials such as sentences, laws and other concerning legal tools. Active participation from students is required, as well as suggestions of specific readings that will facilitate discussion during the course

#### **Detailed program**

The program articulates in three parts:

part 1 is devoted to the historical evolution of the different notions of contract, up to most recent contributions, marking the differences between traditional areas of common and civil law;

part 2 will study the contract within the common law system. We will focus on the evolution, with the help of

practical cases, starting with the origin of contractual right up to the different aspects of contract rules: contract essential elements, negotiating capacity, the notion of consideration, frustrations and impracticability rules, object of the contract, interpretation, execution and the good faith principle, up to the breach of contract;

part 3 is devoted to a comparative analysis of major European models - French, German and British

- foreseeing the shaping of a European contractual law. In particular, we will treat the following items: contract rules in general, from essential elements
- consent, cause consideration, object , interpretation, invalidity. We will precisely indicate differences as well as homogeneity within European systems.

#### **Prerequisites**

Good skills in reasoning and reading legal materials.

#### **Teaching methods**

Lectures, cases discussion in class.

#### **Assessment methods**

Oral Exam

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Attending students:

1) C. Marchetti, R. E. Cerchia, Il contract in Inghilterra. Lezioni e materiali, Editore Giappichelli, 2012

Not attending students:

H. KÖTZ e S. PATTI, Diritto europeo dei contratti, 2017, pp. 1- 330

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**