UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Media Law and Computer Law

2223-1-F9201P008

Aims

Students will acquire knowledge of media law, internet law and computer crime law.

Contents

The course is divided in two parts: the first part is focused on the relevant principles of constitutional and public law (division of powers, law's sources, judiciary and protection of rights), freedom of speech, media law, internet law, privacy, copyright and advertising. In the second part, the basics of criminal laws are explained, and the laws regarding computer crimes in the Italian criminal law are analysed.

Detailed program

Part One

1. Introduction to public and constitutional law: the Constitution, the division of the powers, the judiciary, the Constitutional Court, national and international protection of human rights.
2. The freedom of speech (art. 21 Const.): constitutional and supranational regulation; restrictions; right to inform, right of criticize, freedom of satire
   3 The right to privacy
3. The regulation of the media: the press
   5 The regulation of the media: the Internet
4. Hate speech
5. Advertising law
6. Copyright law

Part Two

1. Introduction to Italian Criminal Law.
2. Definition of computer crime.
3. Unauthorised access to a computer system.
4. Computer security offences.
5. Crimes against data integrity.
6. Computer fraud.
7. Identity theft and data theft.
8. The unlawful processing of data.
9. Defamation and fake news.
10. Cyberbullying

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Italian legal language.

Teaching form

Lectures.
Lessons will be held in presence, unless further COVID-19 related restrictions are imposed.

Textbook and teaching resource

For the first part:
G.E. Vigevani, O. Pollicino, C. Melzi d'Eril, M. Cuniberti, M. Bassini, *Diritto dell'informazione e dei media*, II edizione, Torino, Giappichelli, 2022.
V. Onida, *La Costituzione*, Il Mulino, 2017.

For the second part:
G.J. Sicignano, A. Di Maio, *I nuovi reati informatici. Disciplina sostanziale, profili processuali*, La Tribuna, 2022 (chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15)
R. Bartoli, *Introduzione al diritto penale tra violenza e costituzionalismo*, Giappichelli, 2022 (chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4)

Semester

First semester

Assessment method

Written examination on the two parts.

Office hours

Sustainable Development Goals