



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Criminal Law Mod A - M-Z

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#### Learning objectives

This course provides a basic understanding of principles of Italian criminal law, both in the light of the law and of doctrinal developments and case law.

Laws and principles will be explained also discussing cases

#### Contents

The course focuses on general rules of criminal law, the elements of crime, the sanctions, the crimes against the person, by comparing provisions and jurisprudence.

#### Detailed program

I. Problems and principles of criminal law.  
formal and substantial notion of criminal law

II: Constitutional criminal principles  
The problem of legitimacy and functions of criminal law. Retributive and prevention conceptions of the criminal sanctions.

III. The Criminal Law.  
The source of criminal law, prohibition of analogy, the principle of accuracy.  
The interpretation of the criminal law.  
When and which law is applied. The criminal law in space.

#### IV. The offense.

The fact of crime. General outline and main types: the action and the mode of action, events, causation, harm and danger; permanent crime, crimes of omission.

Defenses. General outline.

The culpability: intent, fault, mistake, accountability.

The exemption from punishment.

Attempt and accomplice.

Circumstances

#### V. The sanctions system.

The sentencing criteria.

Prison sentence and non-custodial sentences

#### VI. Crimes against the person

### **Prerequisites**

Students must have passed the exam of Constitutional law.

### **Teaching methods**

Description of rules and principles and their ratio; case by law approach, aiming to verify comprehension and problem solving capacities.

### **Assessment methods**

Attending students:

oral examination on the topics discussed in class, or alternatively, written test about the first part of program, dedicated to those who have passed the quizzes proposed during the course.

Not attending students: Oral exam

### **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

1. D. PULITANO', Diritto penale, Giappichelli, 2023;  
or MARINUCCI-DOLCINI, Manuale di diritto penale. Parte Generale, 2023.

- 2). D. PULITANO', Diritto penale parte speciale, Vol. I, Tutela della persona, 2023.

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