



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### **Maltreatment and Abuse: Medico-Legal and Criminological Aspects**

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#### **Aims**

The course aims to present the different types of violence (ecologic model, definitions, problem size) and their legal framework, to explain the medico-legal approach in cases of suspected maltreatment/abuse and to illustrate, with the help of clinical cases, psychological signs of maltreatment/abuse and the traumatic developments in minor abuse victims (shaken baby syndrome, battered child syndrome, female genital mutilation).

#### **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 2?? year course

## **Teaching form**

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures in delivering type in Italian language and presentations of forensic cases (clinical and judiciary), in the e-learning page some study materials will be uploaded to the course web page.

In case of emergency situations (natural disasters, weather warnings (deluge, floods), uprisings, pandemics, etc.) online teaching-classroom with synchronous lectures online on the Webex platform.

## **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.

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

Merzagora I. *Introduzione alla Criminologia*. (2023) Cortina Editore.

AAVV *Amore senza lividi. Storie di guerriere senza paura*. (2021) Edizioni San Gennaro.

## **Semester**

2?? semester

## **Assessment method**

written exam (multiple choice quiz)

## **Office hours**

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

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | QUALITY EDUCATION | GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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