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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Media Law

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#### Learning objectives

Provide knowledge of media law.

#### Contents

Information and communication law constitutes a classic discipline within legal studies, which has been enriched over time with new themes and issues critical to democracies.

The introductory part will be dedicated to the regulation and limits of the freedom of speech in the Italian Constitution, in international declarations of rights, and in the European Union, with particular regard to the relationship between information and democracy.

Next, the legal framework governing mass media (press, radio, television, cinema, new media, and the internet) and the regulation of the bodies operating within the communication system will be analyzed.

Special attention will be devoted to several current topics: the right to report, criticize, and satirize; judicial information; the protection of personal data, the right to be forgotten, and personal identity; opinion crimes; the journalistic profession and the protection of sources; television pluralism and political propaganda; the internet; commercial advertising; copyright.

The course has a monographic and seminar format. In addition to lectures, it includes research and readings conducted by the students.

Assessment will also be based on the work carried out within the course, with particular attention to active participation in discussions. Special attention will be given to legal cases from Italian jurisprudence and the European Court of Human Rights.

#### Detailed program

Information and democracy

The freedom of speech

The right to inform

The right to satire

Defamation

Seizure and the Internet

The right to privacy and to personal identity

Responsibility on the internet

The responsibility of the editor-in-chief

Constitutional principles of broadcasting

The public service media

Technological convergence and informative pluralism

Hate speech

Copyright

Internet and the boundaries of law

## **Prerequisites**

Knowledge of criminal law and procedure is appropriate.

## **Teaching methods**

In-person lectures and practical case exercises.

Some lectures may be streamed, either in the event of a strike or other circumstances that make it difficult to reach the university.

## **Assessment methods**

At the end of the lectures, students will be able to take the exam with a written test, which involves solving a practical case.

For students who do not take the written test at the end of the lectures, the exam will consist of an oral test on the

course material.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

G.E. Vigevari, O. Pollicino, C. Melzi d'Eril, M. Cuniberti, M. Bassini, *Diritto dell'informazione e dei media*, Torino, Giappichelli, II ed., 2022

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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