UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

International Organization

2425-4-A5810211

Learning objectives

The course aims to study the legal aspects of international organizations and institutions, allowing students to acquire a deeper understanding of international institutional law and of the issues concerning the legal nature of international organizations, their functioning and activities.

Contents

The course will consider the following topics: The legal nature of international organizations and of international institutional law. The typology of international organizations: in particular universal (United Nations, UN Specialized Agencies) and regional (African Union, Organization of American States) organizations. The legal personality of international organizations. The founding treaties of international organizations. The organs of international organizations, their structure and functioning. The functions and powers of international organizations. The internal legal orders of international organizations. The immunities of international organizations and their personnel. The responsibility of international organizations. The domestic implementation of the acts of international organizations.

Detailed program

Prerequisites

Students are preliminarily required to know the foundations of international law, concerning in particular the international legal personality, the sources of international law (custom, treaties, general principles of law), the law of international responsibility, the settlement of international disputes.

Teaching methods

The subject-matter of the course will be considered and critically analysed following an interactive method, based on the discussion of relevant sources and documents, which will be circulated in classroom and avaialble on the e-learning website of the course.

Assessment methods

Oral exam. There are no intermediate written assessments. The oral assessment is based on two general questions concerning the topics considered during the course and covered by the recommended textboks. The passing of the exam requires an adequate knowledge of both the questions submitted to the candidate.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

chosen by the student:

option A

1. Gaetano Arangio-Ruiz, "Rapporti contrattuali tra Stati e Organizzazione internazionale. Per una teoria dualista delle unioni di Stati", Editrice Il Sirente, Fagnano Alto, 2019 (160 p.); plus
2. Ugo Draetta, "Principi di diritto delle Organizzazioni internazionali", Giuffré, Milano, 4th edn., 2020 (242 p.)

OR:

option B
3) Benedetto Conforti, Carlo Focarelli, "Le Nazioni Unite", Wolters Kluwer, 13rd edn., 2023 (640 p.)

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS