



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Storia del Diritto Medievale e Moderno - A-L

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#### Learning objectives

This course provides a general overview of the history of the legal systems in order to discover their roots as well as to underline the effects of the social, economic, political, religious changes happened in the centuries and pick out how it has changed the way the law is interpreted, enforced, and taught. Students will be provided with knowledge of legal terms and categories both logical and conceptual. This course is also designed to help students understand the historical evolution of legal system, gain a critical awareness towards the law, study the past to acquire a broader understanding of the modern legal concepts, learn to know the main European schools of thoughts, adopt a comparative approach to study law.

#### Contents

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#### Detailed program

Ancient roots. Church and Empire. The early Middle Ages: Roman law, Canon law, Germanic laws, customary law. Medieval *Ius Commune*. Civil and canon law. Transformations of the Modern Ages. The central courts. . Natural law. Enlightenment. Civil Codes. Criminal Codes. Interpretation of law

## Prerequisites

## Teaching methods

Frontal and interactive lectures; analysis of historical sources and documents; video and slide show. Lectures are held in presence. In case of need (recoveries, strikes, other particular reasons), some lessons may be delivered online, in streaming mode (synchronous) or asynchronously and recorded, up to a maximum of 8 hours.

## Assessment methods

Oral exam

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

The program is unique for attending and non-attending students. Attendance is free and no signature is required in class.

Students who wish can take a partial written test on May 2025 on the following texts:

G. CHIODI, G. CHIODI, *Dal medioevo all'età contemporanea: un profilo giuridico*, Giappichelli, Torino 2025 (only the chapters about the Middle Ages), on press, plus the supplementary materials discussed during the course, which are made available to all students on the site.

Alternatively, students can prepare on A. PADOA SCHIOPPA's volume, *History of Law in Europe. From the Middle Ages to the contemporary age*, Second edition, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2016: chaps. 1-15.

The oral tests will take place starting from the June 2025 appeal. Those who have taken the written test with a positive result can decide whether to keep the grade obtained in the written test or repeat the exam on the respective part of the program (see above), in addition to having to take the oral test on the rest of the program.

Texts for full exam preparation:

G. CHIODI, *Dal medioevo all'età contemporanea: un profilo giuridico*, Giappichelli, Torino 2025, Torino 2025, on press, plus all the supplementary materials discussed during the course, which are made available to all students on the site.

Alternatively, students can prepare on A. PADOA SCHIOPPA, *Storia del diritto in Europa. Dal medioevo all'età contemporanea*, Seconda edizione, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2016: chaps 1-15, 21, 23, 27-29, 31, 32 (§§ 1-3), 34 (§§ 1, 2, 4, 8), 37 (§§ 1-3).

The tests found on the e-learning site are available to all students.

## Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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