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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Criminal Law

2425-3-E3901N052

Learning objectives

The course offers a basic knowledge of criminal law's rules, including an overview of the crimes most significant in the praxis of social work. Expertise in criminal law are important for social workers considering, on one side, the criminal protection that vulnerable people may receive and, on the other side, the need to cooperate with legal practitioners and law enforcers. The attention to law in action, in addition to the law in the books, will give awareness of the problems that arise from the criminal law intervention in the different areas of suffering and social exclusion in which the social operator has to work.

Contents

Special attention will receive the basic principles and rules of the criminal law (regarding the actus reus and the mens rea) as well as the sentencing and the execution of the sentence. In addition, the issue of criminal liability of social workers will be considered.

Detailed program

At the beginning attention will be addressed to the characteristics of the law in criminal matters in view of the constitutional principles in this area. Afterwards we will focus on the constitutive elements of a crime (the actus reus, the mens rea and defenses), as well as on the different ways of committing a crime (i.e. attempt and conspiracy). Considerations will be finally dedicated to the criminal sanctions system (including the phase of sentencing), in order to become aware of the prison system in our Country, with all its problems and inadequacies.

With regard to the single offenses, we will analyse assault against individual above all, with an emphasis on crimes against vulnerable people and gender-oriented. In addition we will take a look at the crimes which can be

committed by a social worker while carrying out his tasks.

Prerequisites

To have acquired a basic knowledge of Constitutional Law.

Teaching methods

The course, lasting 42 hours, will be developed for approximately the 50% with traditional lessons, using power point presentations and giving special attention to the jurisprudence (i.e. the law in action). For the remaining part, will be used an interactive approach, involving students'activities (individual or by groups) on topic of their interest.

Assessment methods

Oral exam. For students attending the lessons, the oral exam may be replaced by the working group carried out during the course.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Marco Pelissero, *Diritto penale. Appunti di parte generale*, II ed., Giappichelli, Torino, 2023.

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