UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Principles of Environmental Law

2425-3-E3201Q072

Aims

The course aims to outline a map, although incomplete, of the national, regional and local administrative organization, and of the relationship between the same complexes organizers and European institutions. Furthermore, the course will offer a brief introduction to the administrative competence as provided in environemntal law.

Contents

This course is aimed at students with no expertise in law. It aims to provide knowledge in the institutional framework of the areas of public law, such as to permit the discussion of general issues involved in environmental law.

Detailed program

- Concept of law and legal system.
- International, European, and national legal systems.
- Environmental protection in the international legal system: principles and examination of some relevant treaties (the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreements; the ECHR; the GATT).
- Environmental protection in the European legal system: sources, principles, regulations.

- Environmental protection in the national legal system: the environment in the Constitution; the Environmental Code; the national, regional, and local administrative organization, as well as the relationships between these organizational bodies and European institutions; the principles governing administrative activities for environmental protection, both authoritative and private; the right of access to environmental information; emergency management.

- Summary analysis of some of the most significant sectors affected by rules and principles inherent in environmental law, as well as an examination of the legal concept of the environment, its interpretation, and its most problematic aspects.

Prerequisites

None.

Teaching form

All lessons are conducted in Delivered Didactics:

- 20 lessons of 2 hours each are conducted in person;
- 4 lessons of 2 hours each are conducted remotely (in synchronous mode with the corresponding video lectures made available).

Language of instruction: Italian.

Textbook and teaching resource

Teaching materials prepared by the instructor and uploaded to the platform.

It is also recommended to complement this with the reading of a Public Law Manual, choosing from the following texts:

- R. BIN e G. PITRUZZELLA, Diritto pubblico, Giappichelli, Torino, 2022, limitatamente alle pp. 3-24, 84-89, 245-438.
- T. GROPPI e A. SIMONCINI, Introduzione allo studio del diritto pubblico e delle sue fonti, Giappichelli, Torino, 2023, limitatamente ai capitoli: I. Cos'è il diritto?; III. Oltre lo Stato: ordinamenti internazionali e sovranazionali; IV. Le fonti del diritto: considerazioni generali; V. Le singole fonti del diritto; X. La pubblica amministrazione.

Additionally, the following must always be known:

- G. ROSSI (a cura di), Diritto dell'ambiente, Torino, Giappichelli, 2021, la prima parte (indicata come «Parte Generale») e i capitoli I, II, III, IV e V della parte seconda (indicata come «Approfondimenti»), corrispondenti complessivamente alle pp. 3-191.

Semester

First semester.

Assessment method

Oral exam (discussion on the topics covered in the lectures). Alternatively, only during the course, on dates to be indicated during the lectures, two written exams will be administered (consisting of 20 multiple-choice questions and one open-ended question, aimed at verifying, respectively, the knowledge of the exam syllabus and the ability to independently reflect on critical points of the program) and an optional oral exam (discussion on the topics covered in the lectures).

Grades are on a scale of 18 to 30 out of 30.
The overall grade for each written exam is determined by the sum of the points obtained from the multiple-choice questions and the open-ended question, with the following specifications:

Each correct answer to the multiple-choice questions is worth 1 point;
The open-ended question is worth 10 points.
Once both written exams have been taken and passed, a final overall grade will be assigned, calculated as the average of the two intermediate grades, rounded up.

Office hours

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