UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociology of Law

2526-3-A5810032

Learning objectives

The aim of the course is to provide people preparing for the exam with the tools to:

- know and understand the main theories of the sociology of law;
- understand and develop a critical capacity in the study of the main themes of the sociology of law;
- be able to achieve the ability to understand the current reality in particular with regard to the relationships between legal and non-legal social rules, that is to say, to understand how principles, ethical values, cultural and social rules interact with the rules of law;
- achieve a solid autonomy of judgment in understanding on the one hand the mechanisms of formation of social rules - both legal and non-legal - and on the other hand in understanding the relationships and relations between legal systems and the social contexts of reference and between legal systems and social groups, interest groups and pressure groups;
- obtain communication skills to express the concepts, problems and theories relating to the sociology of law and relating to the methods that this discipline uses;
- learn the methodology and study methods of the sociology of law in order to be able not only to find texts and information independently, but also to form reasoned opinions on social transformations and on the change and transformations of legal norms.

Contents

Sociology of law is a discipline that considers legal phenomena as social facts.
It studies the relationships between law and other social phenomena. With particular attention to social discrimination mechanisms.
The course explores the theme of corporeity as a place where preconceptions, prejudices and social contexts contribute to determining personal identity.

Detailed program

The course aims to offer a sociological interpretation of current developments of legal phenomena.
Some specific issues will be analyzed:
Sociology of law and legal science;
Legal norms and social norms;
Law and conflict;
Law and culture;
Functions of the law;
Law and social order;
Legal pluralism;
Deviance and social control;
Law and social control;
law and social change;
the influence of ethnic groups, of sex, of gender, and of social status in the outcome of legal decisions and in the creation of laws;
Law and power.
Then, the course will analyze the theme: body / law / power

Prerequisites

None

Teaching methods

The course is divided into 24 lessons of two hours in presence (except for problems with the organization of classrooms).
The first 3 lessons will be of a traditional and non-interactive type: the basic concepts will be explained. The remaining lessons will be held interactively.

Assessment methods

The exam is oral.
There are no intermediate tests.
The following skills will be assessed:

the knowledge acquired,
the language used,
the ability to discuss, present and argue
the autonomy of judgment
the communication skills and the ability to organize the speech

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1. Cottino Amedeo (a cura di), Lineamenti di sociologia del diritto, Bologna, Zanichelli, 2019/2022.
   Only:
   the first chapter of the first part (3-35):
   the second part (all the chapters: 239-443)
2. Dameno Roberta, Le regole del corpo. Elementi per una riflessione sociogiuridica, Milano, Franco Angeli, 2022.

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