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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Civil Law

2526-5-A5810126

Learning objectives

- Knowledge and understanding of the main institutions of the general discipline of contracts, including their doctrinal and jurisprudential evolution.
- Ability to apply the acquired notions in the analysis of case law and in addressing complex legal problems.
- Independent judgment in identifying the applicable legal framework and the most appropriate legal solution.
- Communication skills in the presentation and resolution of legal issues, both in written and oral form.
- Ability to learn autonomously, including through the consultation of legislative, doctrinal, and jurisprudential sources.

Contents

The course covers the general principles of contract law, including relevant doctrinal developments and case law, and offers an in-depth examination of the most significant legal institutions in light of contemporary jurisprudence and practical application.

Detailed program

The course will address the following key topics:

The formation and essential requirements of the contract, with particular focus on the role of agreement, subject matter, cause, and form.

The invalidity of the contract, including the concepts of nullity, voidability, and rescission, as developed in legislation and case law.

Contract termination mechanisms, with attention to withdrawal and termination for breach, and their application in both theory and practice.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

11 remote lectures (2 hours each) delivered in a traditional (non-interactive) format

22 in-person interactive lectures (2 hours each)

2 in-person practice sessions (2 hours each), delivered in a traditional (non-interactive) format

Assessment methods

Written exam with 5 open-ended questions and the drafting of a reasoned legal opinion.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

A. RENDA,* Il contratto,* Giappichelli, 2025, with except for:
Cap. II - Par. 2 e 3
Cap. IV - Par. 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13

U. CARNEVALI, voce Responsabilità per inadempimento, Enc. dir., Il contratto, Milano, 2021, p. 1076 ss.
G. DE NOVA, voce Recesso, in Dig. disc. priv., sez. civ., XVI, Torino, 1997, p. 314 ss.

Sustainable Development Goals

REDUCED INEQUALITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS