UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Psicopatologia Forense

2526-5-A5810248

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Mastering forensic medicine, in the criminal law context, and forensic psychopathology approaches to the phenomenon of violent crime. Critical analysis of the national and international literature in the field.

Applying knowledge and understanding

- interpretation of the relationship between psychopathology and violent crime in its multiple forms through case studies
- ability to apply qualitative methodologies
- ability to dialogue with other disciplines

Autonomy of judgment

Ability to critically reflect on public discourse concerning the intersection between psychiatry and justice.

** Communication Skills**

Proficiency in legal, psychiatric, and socio-criminological language.

*** Ability to Learn Independently**

Acquisition of cognitive tools to update one’s knowledge and apply it to the cultural, scientific, and legal contexts in which the intersection between psychiatry and justice takes shape.

Contents

Starting from a historical and disciplinary framework of forensic medicine in the criminal law arena, the course will deal with the research horizons of forensic psychopathology, adopting an interdisciplinary and comparative approach. In the first part, the relationship between psychopathology and violent crime will be studied in depth, and will include elements of victimology in order to understand and evaluate harms to the person. In the second part of the course, specific themes will be focussed upon: the relationship between alcohol, drugs and violent crime; imputability and ethnopsychiatry; psychology and psychopathology of the white-collar criminal. In dealing with these issues, an innovative path will be built, aimed at reaching an understanding of the psychopathological dimensions of criminal behaviour.

Detailed program

Starting from a historical and disciplinary framework of forensic medicine in the criminal law arena, the course will deal with the research horizons of forensic psychopathology, adopting a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. In the first part, there will be a study in depth of the relationship between psychopathology and violent crime (homicide, assault, personal injury, sexual violence, domestic violence, infanticide) favouring a perspective of narrative psychopathology and introducing elements of victimology in order to understand and evaluate harms to the person. In the second part of the course, attention will focus on some themes central to the actual scientific discussion of legal medicine and forensic psycho-pathology: the relationship between alcohol, drugs and violent crime; imputablilty and ethnopsychiatry; psychology and psychopathology of the white-collar criminal. In dealing with these themes, an innovative path will be built, aimed at reaching an understanding of the psychopathological dimensions of criminal behaviour.

In short:

- introduction to legal medicine and forensic psychopathology

- psycho-pathology and violent crime

- alcohol, drugs and violent crime

- imputability and social dangerousness

- crime scene and circumstantial paradigm

- psychology and psycho-pathology of white-collar crime

    - elements of victimology and evaluation of harm

Prerequisites

Good skills in learning, writing and oral communication.

Teaching methods

The course will be delivered in Italian. Throughout the course, the active role of the students will be enhanced and they will be able to put into practice the proposed theoretical and methodological approaches through opportunities

for discussion and also through the use of videos and simulations.

- 10 two-hour lessons held in presence, with a frontal mode (DE)
- 10 two-hour lessons held in presence, with a first part in frontal mode (DE) and a second part aimed at involving students in an interactive way (DI).
- 1 two-hour lesson delivered remotely.

Assessment methods

Oral exam: it will be a discussion based on the course texts and on the topics covered in class. During the oral exam, it is also possible to discuss a written work previously agreed upon with the professor and developed starting from the theoretical contents indicated in the bibliography.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

By choice from the following groups of texts:

1?? group:

Bandini-Rocca (2010), Fondamenti di psicopatologia forense. Giuffré

Ciappi (2013), Psicopatologia narrativa. Funzionamento del sé e pratica clinica. LAS

2?? group:

Bandini-Rocca (2010), Fondamenti di psicopatologia forense. Giuffré

Merzagora, Travaini, Pennati (2016), Colpevoli della crisi? Psicologia e psicopatologia del criminale dal colletto bianco. Franco Angeli

3?? group:

Bandini-Rocca (2010), Fondamenti di psicopatologia forense. Giuffré

Merzagora (2017), Lo straniero a giudizio. Tra psicopatologia e diritto. Cortina.

4**th group:**
Bandini-Rocca (2010), Fondamenti di psicopatologia forense. Giuffré

Baron-Cohen, S. (2012), La scienza del male. L'empatia e le origini della crudeltà. Cortina

5**th group:**

Bandini-Rocca (2010), Fondamenti di psicopatologia forense. Giuffré

Foucault, M. (a cura di) (2020 [1973]), Io, Pierre Rivière, avendo sgozzato mia madre, mia sorella e mio fratello… Un caso di parricidio nel XIX secolo. Einaudi

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