UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Security Law

2526-3-E3901N013

Learning objectives

The purpose of the Course is to provide the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to understand the set of rules of Social Security Law, to promote the analysis of the knowledge acquired, to apply it in the solution of concrete cases, also favoring a critical approach to the problematic profiles of the subject matter of the Course and the future exercise of the professional activity.

Among the Learning objectives of the Course are:
A) Knowledge and Understanding
Know and understand the fundamental principles of Social Security Law, with particular reference to the areas of Social Security and Welfare.
Acquire awareness of the main national, European, and international regulatory sources in the field of social security.
Explore the legal evolution of the social security and welfare system, as well as the impact of constitutional jurisprudence and other national and supranational courts.

B) Applied Knowledge and Understanding
Be able to identify, interpret, and apply the rules governing the social security and welfare system, with particular attention to pension benefits and income support.
Develop the ability to analyze specific cases and correctly apply the regulatory provisions on compulsory social security, supplementary social security, and social assistance.
Understand how social security and welfare institutions work and the role of the state in managing social policies.

C) Independent Judgment
Acquire autonomy in the critical evaluation of social security regulations and case law, as well as in identifying appropriate legal solutions for the protection of social security and welfare rights.
Be able to identify and interpret regulatory provisions, administrative acts, and judicial decisions relating to social security and welfare.
Develop a critical approach to current issues in Social Security Law, such as population aging, declining birth rates, the financial sustainability of the social security system, and welfare state reforms.

D) Communication Skills
Develop the ability to clearly and coherently explain legal issues related to Social Security Law, both in academic and professional contexts.
Be able to communicate effectively with social security agencies, public institutions, labor consultants, and other private entities, accurately explaining regulatory issues and possible solutions to disputes.

E) Learning Skills
Be able to independently find, analyze, and interpret regulatory, jurisprudential, and doctrinal texts on social security.
Follow and understand legislative and jurisprudential developments in the field of social security and social assistance, developing a critical and up-to-date approach to the discipline.
Understand the interaction between Social Security Law and other branches of law, in particular labor law, constitutional law, international law, and European Union law.

Contents

The exam program includes the study of the main topics in Social Security Law (Social Security and Welfare).

Detailed program

The exam program covers the sources of Social Security Law (Social Security and Welfare), measures appropriate to the needs of life in the event of accident, illness, disability, and old age, involuntary unemployment, protection of families, provision of free care to the indigent, establishment and integration of bodies and institutions responsible for the protection of those unable to work and lacking the necessary means of subsistence, support in cases of poverty and risk of social exclusion.

Prerequisites

Sufficient educational skills in logic, social culture and reasonable capacities in learning, writing and oral communication.

Teaching methods

The Course will be taught using the following teaching methods:

- 15 two-hour lessons with classroom teaching (lectures) in person or remotely;
- 6 two-hour lessons with interactive teaching (exercises) in person or remotely.

The number of lessons/exercises carried out remotely is limited to 30% of the total number of hours of the Course.

Assessment methods

The final exam is designed to assess students' acquisition of the concepts and legal theory covered in class. The exam consists of a written test comprising multiple-choice questions and open-ended questions, in accordance with the procedures that will be communicated by the instructor at the beginning of the course.
The final exam will be graded based on the correctness of the answers to the questions, both in terms of content and the presentation of legal reasoning related to the topics covered in the Course.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

The recommended texts are as follows:

- T. Vettor, La Riforma del lavoro sportivo. Valori, principi e diritti nel pluralismo delle fonti (The Reform of Sports Labor. Values, Principles, and Rights in the Pluralism of Sources), G. Giappichelli, Turin, 2025
- M. Persiani, M. Martone, Diritto della sicurezza sociale (Social Security Law), G. Giappichelli, Turin, 2025*.

*The professor reserves the right to notify students of any changes to the above texts.

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NO POVERTY | ZERO HUNGER | GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | GENDER EQUALITY | DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | REDUCED INEQUALITIES