UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Laboratory 11

2526-3-E3901N086

Learning objectives

The Clinic aims to offer:

1. in-depth knowledge of female detention and its peculiarities;
2. the ability to read reality through a gender lens;
3. the ability to critically interpret data and phenomena related to female detention and violence against women;
4. communication skills in the presentation and discussion of problematic issues related to female detention;
5. the ability to learn autonomously, becoming familiar with normative, doctrinal and jurisprudential sources.

Contents

The Clinic intends to offer students of Social Work the opportunity to approach a context of fragility, that of female detention, often overlooked and little known. Theoretical lessons, useful for understanding the peculiarities of female detention, will be accompanied by penitentiary visits within the female section of the Bollate prison and meetings with female prisoners or ex-prisoners.

Detailed program

The Clinic will begin with an overview of the peculiarities of female detention and then delve into individual issues such as the violence suffered at the origin of women's deviant behavior (actually, as underlined by supranational sources, women who end up in prison have behind them, in the vast majority of cases, episodes of violence suffered in childhood and/or as adults that, not having been adequately addressed and overcome, have led to self-destructive behavior - alcohol or drug abuse - or mental disorders, which are at the origin of their deviance); the specific problems relating to Roma women and women victims of trafficking who are in prison and, finally, the problem of the detention of women mothers. There will also be the opportunity to dialogue directly with women prisoners through a visit to the female section of the Prison of Milano Bollate and to the ICAM (Institute with attenuated custody for detained mothers).

Prerequisites

Not any

Teaching methods

The Clinic will be held through in-person lessons, during which not only will the various aspects of female detention be explored through lessons of didactic delivery but interactive laboratories of sentence analysis, case studies and visits to penitentiary institutions will also be proposed.
In particular, the program includes:

4 lessons held in the in-person delivery mode;
2 interactive lessons, one at the women's section of the II Casa di Reclusione of Milan Bollate and the other at the ICAM (Institute with attenuated custody for detained mothers).

Remote lessons are not planned, however it will be possible - after evaluating the feasibility from an organizational point of view - in exceptional cases (strike of the means or particularly critical time conditions), if the students request it, to hold some lessons remotely in synchronous mode, using the Webex platform.

The lessons will be in Italian.

Assessment methods

Learning will be verified through active participation in all lessons and activities (individual and group) proposed during the Clinic. The aim of the exam is not only to evaluate the student's knowledge but also his/her interest in the issue of female detention, his/her reasoning ability and his/her critical spirit.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Students will study on the material uploaded from time to time on the Course's e-learning page.

Sustainable Development Goals

GENDER EQUALITY