UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Public Administration Law

2526-1-F4902N010

Learning objectives

The aim of the course is to provide students with knowledge of the fundamental legal principles and institutions necessary to understand the structure and functioning of public administrations.

By the end of the course, students are expected to have acquired:

- Knowledge and understanding of the principles and regulatory framework governing the organization and functioning of public administrations;
- The ability to apply acquired knowledge to the analysis of concrete cases and the resolution of legal issues concerning the main forms of administrative activity;
- Independent judgment in interpreting legal norms and identifying the most appropriate legal solutions;
- Communication skills in presenting and discussing legal topics, both in written and oral form;
- The ability to engage in autonomous learning, including through the consultation of legal sources, academic literature, and case law.

Contents

The Course focuses on the analysis of legal relations between citizens and public administrations through the study of the principles and rules that inform the organization and administrative activity.

Detailed program

Prerequisites

The course does not require any prerequisites or specialized legal knowledge.

However, a basic understanding of the following topics is recommended, although they will be briefly reviewed during the course:

1. the organization of the State and the separation of powers;
2. the relationship between the national State and the European legal order;
3. the role of Regions within the Italian legal system;
4. the sources of law at the national level (Constitution, statutes, acts having the force of law, regulations), regional level (statutes, laws, and regulations), and European level (particularly regulations and directives).

These topics can be reviewed by consulting a public law textbook, for example one of the following:

- T. GROPPI and A. SIMONCINI, Introduzione allo studio del diritto pubblico e delle sue fonti, Giappichelli, Turin, 2023 or most recent edition;
- R. BIN and G. PITRUZZELLA, Diritto pubblico, Giappichelli, Turin, 2024 or most recent edition;
- A. BARBERA, C. FUSARO, and C. CARUSO, Corso di diritto pubblico, il Mulino, Bologna, 2024 or most recent edition.

Teaching methods

- 20 2-hour lessons held in face-to-face ‘delivery’ mode;
- 8 two-hour lessons held in remote and synchronous ‘delivery’ mode.

Assessment methods

The final exam consists of an oral examination covering the topics included in the course syllabus. The exam takes the form of an interview aimed at assessing the student's knowledge and command of the subjects discussed in class (or studied through the textbook).

Assessment criteria will include clarity of presentation, understanding and application of legal concepts, independent judgment, and appropriate use of legal terminology.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Teaching material prepared by the teacher and uploaded to the e-learning platform.

It is advisable to combine the above material with the reading of an Administrative Law manual from the two listed below:

(i) B.G. Mattarella, Lezioni di diritto amministrativo, III ed., Torino, Giappichelli, 2023 (or most recent edition, where available), excluding Chapters XI, XII, XVIII e XX;

or, alternatively,

(ii) M. Clarich, Manuale di diritto amministrativo, VI ed., Bologna, Il Mulino, 2024 (or most recent edition, where available), excluding Chapters VI, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII e XIV;

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