UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Roman Law Institutions - A-L

2526-1-LMG01A002-AL

Learning objectives

The objectives are:

1. Knowledge and Understanding: at the end of this course, the basics of Roman private law must be known and understood and there must be a clear awareness of the historical dimension of law, as a product of man, in different social forms.
2. Applying Knowledge and Understanding: acquisition of legal language, as a precise technical tool and mastery of legal concepts, in relation to practical cases of the past or contemporary.
3. Making Judgments: at the end of this course, the roots of the current fundamental legal principles must be understood and the student will be able to grasp in Roman law a valid scientific tool, to independently and critically seek the solutions that legal practice continues to solicit.
4. Communication Skills: at the end of this course, the student must be able to express himself effectively and precisely, also in relation to practical cases.
5. Learning Skills: at the end of this course the student will be able to critically study the proposed texts and to create, from discussions, even in the classroom, motivated solutions to practical cases.

Contents

Roman Law Institutions is a course focusing on the fundamental concepts of private Roman Law, which will be followed along their historical development, starting from the foundation of Rome (754 b. C.) until Emperor Justinian's death (565 a. C.).
While providing a thorough introduction to the study of legal concepts, we will emphasize to what extent the basis of today's most European and American law was shaped by Roman law.
Historical knowledge of a legal system which has evolved over 13 centuries will help students understand how considerable is the legacy of Roman Law to the juridical practice nowadays.

Detailed program

Sources of Roman Law.

Trial documents and procedure.

Law of Persons.

Business, Acts and Trade.

Law of Obligations.

Law of Property.

Death and succession 'mortis causa'.

Prerequisites

Knowledge of the Italian language.

Teaching methods

The course will take place in Italian through 36 lessons of 2 hours each in presence (DE: in-person delivery method).
If necessary, up to 4 lessons of 2 hours each, could be carried out remotely, in synchronous or asynchronous mode, to deal with general exceptional situations. More details will be provided during the semester.
Attendance in class and active participation during the lessons are highly recommended. Preparation on the recommended textbook or another manual agreed with the teacher is mandatory.

Assessment methods

Oral exam, in presence consisting in an interview on the topics covered both during the lessons and/or dealt with on the textbook. The aim will be to evaluate the precision and clarity of the juridical vocabulary employed and the mastery of the historical and logical connections between the institutes studied.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

A. Lovato, S. Puliatti, L. Solidoro, Diritto privato romano, second edition, Giappichelli, Torino 2017 (NOT in the chapter II par. 4 "La cognitio extra ordinem" sub parr. 4c. to 4n.; in chapter VIII "Successioni" sub parr. 17 e 18.

Alternatively, other manuals, provided complete, can be agreed with the Teacher.

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