UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Forensic Medicine

2627-5-H4101D267

Aims

Learning the rules of health care interest in terms of both general frameworks and specific regulations in the different areas of law: criminal, civil, deontological, administrative, insurance, social security and mortuary administration.
Learning gender differences in terms of biolaw, with particular reference to: maternity and filiation, medically assisted reproduction, abortion, violence and mutilation.
Learning basic knowledge of clinical forensic medicine, forensic pathology and thanatology.

Contents

General legal framework and healthcare legal framework
General principles of Legal Medicine
Deontology and protection of the person
Assessment of the person in civil, insurance and social security matters
Crimes against health and life
Protection of minors and people lacking capacity of judgement
Clinical and autoptic forensic medicine

Detailed program

Introduction on the legal system and the trial
Causation and aetiological criteria
Medico-legal semiotics
Regulatory framework of the health professions

Health Professionals Associations and code of ethics
Health professional liability
Compensation for damage
Health records
Personal data protection and professional secrecy
Mandatory reporting: judicial and health
Informed consent, advance healthcare directives, forced health verifications and treatment
Organ transplants
Body donation
Rectification of Sex-Attribution. Medical trial. Off-label.
Medically Assisted Reproduction. Abortion law
Civil disability. Handicap.
Support administration. Incapacitation. Interdiction.
Private insurances
Social insurances and claims
Imputability. Crimes against personal safety and life
Sexual offences and female genital mutilation
Child abuse
Sudden death.
Forensic toxicology.
Injuries: contusive, stab, gunshot, asphyxial, electrical, barometric and radiating
Tanatology
Mortuary regulations
Forensic genetics and identification
Forensic examination and autopsy

Prerequisites

To be enrolled in the 5th year of the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery

Teaching form

36 hours of lectures, including some co-taught with faculty from other UniMIB courses and professionals from external institutions (UniMI, ASST, OMCeO, INAIL, etc).
12 hours of practical sessions: classroom exercises, independent study of educational materials, and participation in small-group activities in the autopsy room.

Textbook and teaching resource

Course internet page (e-learning) with: slides, recordings, white papers and internet links.

Recommended textbook: "Compendium of Legal and Insurance Medicine", A. Cazzaniga, C. Cattabeni, R. Luvoni, R. Zoja. Ed. Wolters Kluwer, 2022.

Semester

5th year 2nd semester

Assessment method

There are no ongoing tests.

Written exam consisting of 33 multiple-choice, single-answer questions: 30 questions count towards the final grade; 33 correct answers are required for honors.
The questions cover the following topic areas:

- Legal system and legal proceedings
- Causality and etiological criteria
- Forensic semiotics
- Healthcare professions. Professional boards. Medical ethics
- Professional liability in healthcare
- Compensation for damages
- Personal data protection and professional secrecy. Medical records. Mandatory health reporting
- Informed consent, advance treatment directives, advance care planning, compulsory health assessment, mandatory medical treatment.
- Social insurance. Invalidity, disability, handicap
- Private insurance
- Crimes against life and physical safety. Sexual offenses. Child abuse
- Criminal responsibility, legal incapacitation, guardianship, legal support
- Injuries. Thanatology. Identification. Forensic genetics
- Medically assisted procreation. Voluntary termination of pregnancy
- Organ transplants. Body donation. Clinical trials. Off-label drug use
  Oral exam on the written test errors, upon student request.

Examinations are conducted in Italian.

For non-native Italian-speaking students: they may choose between the multiple-choice written exam (in Italian. English or Spanish) or the oral exam.

Office hours

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