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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Tort Law

2627-5-A5810125

Learning objectives

- Knowledge and understanding of the main institutions of the general discipline of tort law, including their doctrinal and jurisprudential evolution.
- Ability to apply the acquired notions in the analysis of case law and in addressing complex legal problems.
- Independent judgment in identifying the applicable legal framework and the most appropriate legal solution.
- Communication skills in the presentation and resolution of legal issues, both in written and oral form.
- Ability to learn autonomously, including through the consultation of legislative, doctrinal, and jurisprudential sources.

Contents

The course covers the general principles of tort law, including relevant doctrinal developments and case law, and offers an in-depth examination of the most significant legal institutions in light of contemporary jurisprudence and practical application.

Detailed program

The functions of tort liability

The constituent elements of a wrongful act: the wrongfulness of the damage in doctrinal and jurisprudential development; the conduct; the causal link; the mental element; and compensable damage.

Special liability regimes and strict liability.

The issue of non-pecuniary damage: dogmatic framework and analysis of jurisprudential developments.

Personal injury and damage to the person

The statute of limitations for compensation claims

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

8 remote lectures (2 hours each) delivered in a traditional (non-interactive) format

25 in-person interactive lectures (2 hours each)

2 in-person practice sessions (2 hours each), delivered in a traditional (non-interactive) format

Assessment methods

Written exam with open-ended questions and the drafting of a reasoned legal opinion.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

VISINTINI, *Fatti illeciti*, Pacini, 2025
FRANZONI, *La responsabilità civile. Il danno alla persona*, Le Monnier, 2026
PICCININI, *La prescrizione del credito risarcitorio aquiliano*, Giappichelli, 2026

The program also includes the case law discussed during lectures, which will be made available in advance on the e-learning platform.

Sustainable Development Goals

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