UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Family Law

2627-5-A5810185

Learning objectives

The course aims to provide students with knowledge and understanding of the main principles of family law, through lectures, study of texts, the Civil Code, and key legislation in the field. Specifically, the training objectives are to acquire knowledge and skills in the family law system, as well as the ability to concretely understand the legal principles related to family law. The course also aims to foster reasoning and independent judgment, which, through the study of a practical case, will enable students to reason independently and develop communication skills and language proficiency.

Contents

The program includes the study and the learning of the institutions and discipline of family law contained in the civil code and statutes.

Detailed program

The historical evolution of family law. The legal institution of marriage: marriage as an act. Marriage as a relationship: personal and financial ties between spouses and within the family. Legal community of property. Private autonomy and marriage agreements. The crisis of marital union: separation and divorce. Civil unions and cohabitation. The legal relationship between parents and children, even in times of crisis. Adoption and foster care. Establishing parental status.

Prerequisites

Passing the private law exam

Teaching methods

The course will be delivered in 21 two-hour lessons, each held in presence (DE). If necessary, two two-hour lessons may be delivered asynchronously remotely (recorded lessons), at the teacher's discretion, to address exceptional situations and to ensure the continuity of teaching.

Assessment methods

Oral examination on the topics covered in class and the examination text. The oral exam is designed to assess the student's understanding of the subject matter and their ability to interpret the principles and rules of the microsystem of family law. Final assessment method: Exam grade out of 30.
Assessment criteria:
Knowledge and understanding: Knowledge of the sources and legal framework relating to family law;
Applied knowledge and understanding: Application of acquired knowledge to specific cases and the ability to propose coherent solutions to specific legal issues;
Independent judgment: Ability to re-elaborate the principles and rules under study, analyze their application, and formulate critical conclusions;
Communication skills: Clear and coherent presentation;
Learning ability: Mastery of the method for analyzing legal rules in family law.

There will be not intermediate test.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

G. BEVIVINO, Introduzione "critica" al diritto di famiglia. Regole e tendenze del moderno diritto delle relazioni familiari, Torino, 2024

alternatively:

2. M. SESTA, Manuale di diritto di famiglia, Padova, updated edition
3. G. BONILINI, Manuale di diritto di famiglia, Milano, updated edition

Please note that—notwithstanding the recommendations regarding the texts listed above—any textbook may serve as a valuable study aid for family law, provided it is complete and up-to-date. Students who possess an outdated textbook and are unable to purchase a new one are advised to make the necessary updates using the databases and services provided by the library.

Sustainable Development Goals