



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Environmental Law

2627-4-A5810204

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#### Learning objectives

1. Knowledge and understanding  
Provide basic knowledge of Environmental Law.
2. Applying knowledge and understanding  
Develop juridical approaches and methodologies for the analysis of environmental issues, even through cases.
3. Autonomy of judgment  
Learn to critically evaluate the legal effects of environmental policies and decisions, even in contentious contexts or in the presence of conflicting interests (environment vs. economic development, health, landscape protection).
4. Communication skills  
Report clearly on environmental legal issues.
5. Learning skills  
Develop the skills necessary to continue independently to keep abreast of environmental law and to be prepared for research, specialization or professional career paths in legal fields related to sustainability and environmental protection.

#### Contents

The course aims to illustrate environmental law and its critical issues. Particular attention will be paid to the analysis of current problems concerning climate change, sustainable development and energy transition in the Green Deal implementation.

#### Detailed program

The Foundations of Environmental Law  
Actors and Instruments  
Principles in Environmental Law  
Regulation and Environmental Rights  
Public and Private Enforcement  
Climate Change  
Pollution  
Impact Assessment  
Nature and Biodiversity Protection  
Risk Regulation  
Waste

## **Prerequisites**

None specifically, even if it is required appropriate capacity in learning, writing and speaking, together with a general legal knowledge. It is suggested to know administrative law.

## **Teaching methods**

Classes will be held in-person with a delivery mode in the first meetings and an interactive mode once the student has acquired the main tools for reasoning about the different issues that will be examined together.

There could be seminars on specific subjects.

Slide uploaded on the e-learning platform.

## **Assessment methods**

Oral exam: The oral examination consists of an interview covering the topics included in the course syllabus and the recommended reading materials. Its purpose is to assess the student's ability to understand and present, in a clear and independent manner, the main topics and fundamental aspects of the subject.

During the examination, the following will be assessed:

- (a) knowledge and understanding of the fundamental contents of the subject;
- (b) the ability to present and discuss legal issues using appropriate legal terminology;
- (c) the ability to apply the knowledge acquired through independent analysis and personal critical reflection;
- (d) the ability to develop well-reasoned arguments, demonstrate critical thinking, and place legal institutions within the broader framework of the legal system.

There may be one or more optional written test for students in class.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

All students:

- Lezioni di diritto ambientale, CEDAM, 2027
- G. Rossi, Diritto dell'ambiente, V ed. Giappichelli, Torino, 2026
- all materials and documents uploaded on the e-learning platform plus lessons and related presentations

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY  
| DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE |  
REDUCED INEQUALITIES | SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION | CLIMATE ACTION | LIFE BELOW WATER | LIFE ON LAND | PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE  
GOALS

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