UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Introduction To Public Law - 1

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Learning objectives

The course is primarily aimed at developing a solid command of the principles and institutions of the legal system.

Knowledge and Understanding
The main objective is to provide specific training on the organization and institutions of the Italian Republic and the European Union. Special focus will be placed on the relationship between authority and freedom, with reference to both individuals and social groups; the study of normative sources and the mechanisms of their creation; and ongoing constitutional transformations.

Applying Knowledge and Understanding
The course aims to equip students with the tools to understand the legal framework and its role in civil and social coexistence. These tools include national primary and secondary legislation, as well as European law. Foundational constitutional theories will also be addressed, to enable a reasoned reading of institutional life and the dynamics between private individuals and public power. Students will be guided to critically engage with practical issues, with particular attention to the application of legal categories to economic phenomena.

Making Judgments
The course intends to foster the ability to frame the legal aspects of real-life situations and to develop reasoned judgments regarding applicable legislation and appropriate legal solutions.
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Communication Skills**
The goal is to help students acquire a technical vocabulary and appropriate terminology to competently describe legal phenomena and processes.

Learning Skills
The course aims to provide the framework for analyzing legal phenomena in order to ensure the acquisition of reasoning methods typical of the legal discipline.

Contents

The course aims at building a basic knowledge of the legal orders: the national legal order, the organization of the institutions of the local government and the European legal order. The course is also directed to illustrate the relationship between individuals and institutions – national and European – with regard to the freedoms and the means of their protection.

The attention is also devoted to the most relevant aspects of public economics law: regulation of the market and public intervention in economy.

Detailed program

The basics of general public law: the legal system, States and governments.

Sources of public law.

Outline of Italian constitutional history.

Constitutional organization of the Italian Republic.

Regions and local governments.

Rights and duties of the citizens

International relationships of the Italian Republic.

Public economics law: regulation of the market and public intervention in economy

Prerequisites

Knowledge of the legal sources of public law and the general organization of the Italian and European legal order.

Teaching methods

Teaching using face-to-face lectures, with 30% lectures delivered remotely.

The lectures with interactive remote teaching will include presentations of books relevant to the teaching topics.

Assessment methods

The examinations consist of an oral test with questions on the different components of the curriculum: the aim is to test the ability to reason according to a legal logic, linking the different institutions to their intended purpose.
In the semester in which the course is taught, there is an intermediate written examination covering the programme

taught in the first two months of the course; and a final written examination covering the remaining part of the programme at the end of the lecture period.

It will be possible to agree specific assignments on one of the volumes presented during the hours spent in interactive distance learning. In this case, this work may replace the assessment of the preparation of certain parts of the programme.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

A. Cardone, F. Cortese, A. Deffenu, Istituzioni di diritto pubblico, Giappichelli Editore, 2025

Piattaform with case studies, concept maps and evaluation tests:
www.giappichelliedu.it

Semester

First semester

Teaching language

Italian

Sustainable Development Goals

GENDER EQUALITY | DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | CLIMATE ACTION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS