



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Law and Multiculturalism

2627-2-E141PV014

Learning objectives

The course provides an overview of the legal challenges that multiculturalism poses in contemporary society. More specifically, the course aims to achieve the following learning outcomes.

- **Knowledge and understanding:** acquire knowledge of the principal legal models for the protection and accommodation of multiculturalism and their underlying normative foundations; understand the main legal issues arising from the interaction between law, religions, and cultures, as well as the relevant legal concepts and institutions.
 - **Applying knowledge and understanding:** apply the legal principles and analytical tools acquired during the course to critically identify and propose solutions to practical cases involving multicultural conflicts.
 - **Making judgements:** develop the ability to independently assess legal issues related to multiculturalism and formulate well-reasoned evaluations of possible legal solutions.
 - **Communication skills:** present the principles and legal institutions governing multiculturalism using appropriate legal terminology; construct rigorous legal arguments and actively participate in discussions, seminars, and case analyses through critical engagement.
- *** **Learning skills*:** acquire the methodological skills necessary to independently deepen knowledge of legislative, judicial, and scholarly developments in the field of law and multiculturalism.

Contents

The world of law is shaped by a captivating array of perspectives that rooted in religions, cultures and, more generally, traditions.

This Course represents a unique opportunity to explore this legal complexity and delve into the legal intricacies surrounding the issues posed by multicultural conflicts in nowadays societies.

Students will not only develop the skills needed to address and resolved multicultural conflicts but will also gain a broader and more nuanced understanding of the challenges that shapes today's global society.

Detailed program

63 hours of lessons, of which 18 hours will be delivered in an interactive way.

Law and Multiculturalism

- Multiculturalism: fundamentals concepts
- Models and policies of multiculturalism: France, Germany, Spain
- Reasonable accommodation
- Anti-discrimination protection and positive actions

A multi-religious society

- Article 7 It. Const.
- Article 8 It. Const.
- Article 19 It. Const.
- The principle of *laicità* in Italy

Cases and solution of Law and Multiculturalism

- Multiculturalism and Family Law
- Religious and Racial Hate speech
- Law and Colonization
- Law and Gender Studies
- Culturally Motivated Crimes
- Multiculturalism and Sport
- Multicultural Citizenship
- Food and Multiculturalism
- Conscientious objections

Prerequisites

Problem-solving skills.

Open-mindedness towards legal complexity and religious-cultural diversity.

Teaching methods

The Course offers 63 hours of teaching comprising:

- 45 hours of lecture-based teaching
- 18 hours of interactive learning activities (case studies, seminars, discussions, group work, and problem-based learning)

Assessment methods

Oral exam with open questions about the topics of the syllabus and the course's reading materials.
There will be no interim or partial test

Textbooks and Reading Materials

All the reading materials are available in the e-learning page of the Course.

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | QUALITY EDUCATION | GENDER EQUALITY | DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | PEACE,
JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
