UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Media Law and Computer Law

2627-1-F9202P002

Learning objectives

Students will acquire:

- Knowledge of media law, internet law and computer crime law
- Ability to apply the notions learnt to the analysis of concrete cases and in the resolution of legal problems related to media activity
- Autonomy of judgement in the interpretation of rules and in the identification of the most appropriate legal solutions
- Communication skills in the presentation and discussion of legal arguments, both in written and oral form
- Ability to learn independently, also by consulting normative, doctrinal and jurisprudential sources

Contents

The course is divided in two parts: the first part is focused on the relevant principles of constitutional and public law (division of powers, law's sources, judiciary and protection of rights), freedom of speech, media law, internet law, privacy, copyright and advertising. In the second part, the basics of criminal laws are explained, and the laws regarding computer crimes in the Italian criminal law are analysed.

Detailed program

Part One

1. Introduction to public and constitutional law: the Constitution, the division of the powers, the judiciary , the Constitutional Court, national and international protection of human rights.

2. The freedom of speech (art. 21 Const.): constitutional and supranational regulation; restrictions; right to inform, right of criticize, freedom of satire.
   3 The right to privacy.
3. The regulation of the media: the press.
   5 The regulation of the media: the Internet.
4. Hate speech.
5. Advertising law.
6. Copyright law.

Part Two

- Introduction to Italian Criminal Law.
- Definition of computer crime.
- Computer frauds.
- Computer damage.
- Trafficking of computer viruses.
- Unauthorized access to a computer system.
- Trafficking of access codes.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Italian legal language.

Teaching methods

In-person lectures with interactive discussion of practical cases
In particoular there will be provided
52 hours of lectures in person
6 hours of interactive discussion in person

Assessment methods

The exam consists of two written tests, one for each part.
Each test consists in open questions on the subjects illustrated during the course and on reference text. It is evaluated in thirtieths.
The final grade is the average of the grades in each test. In each test students must get at least the grade if 18/30.

This assessment method is designed to assess:

- knowledge of the main legal concepts;
- the ability to reason when resolving the most challenging cases relating to information law

The assessment will take the following criteria into account:

- accuracy and completeness of content;
- clarity of presentation and appropriate use of legal language.

There will be no in itinere assessments.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

For the first part:
G.E. Vigevani, O. Pollicino, C. Melzi d'Eril, M. Cuniberti, M. Bassini, Diritto dell'informazione e dei media, II edizione, Torino, Giappichelli, 2022.
V. Onida, La Costituzione, Il Mulino, 2017.

For the second part the textbook will be indicated at the beginning of the course or writing an e.mail.

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS