

course	Fundamentals of Law
ects (cfu)	6
year running	1°
semester	first
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consultation time	After class or by appointment previously arranged by e-mail

### LEARNING AND SKILLS OUTCOMES

The course aims at achieving the following learning and skills outcomes:

1. **KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** the expected goal is that students become familiar with the fundamental concepts and rules of law and able to assess legal rules, also from a social and economic standpoint.
2. **APPLIED KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** students will address legal issues by applying acquired concepts to simple cases, by using examples of daily life in association with theoretical topics and by managing the fundamentals of legal argumentation.
3. **MAKING JUDGEMENTS:** students will develop argumentative skills to tackle juridical issues originally, as discussion in class is stimulated and promoted.

### COURSE DETAILED CONTENTS

The course deals with some of the essential legal rules applicable to economic activities and focuses on the interaction between party autonomy and market regulation. The following topics will be covered:

1. General part:
  - Introduction to the course: Law and the State
  - Legal Families: Civil Law and Common Law Jurisdictions
  - Law and Justice
  - The legal system and its structure
  - Sources of law
  - Subjects: individuals and legal persons
2. Special part:
  - Property law
  - Contracts and obligations
  - Torts
  - Statute of limitations

### SUGGESTED PRE-REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS

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### FINAL EXAM

Oral exam. Attending students can be admitted to ongoing evaluations as per instructions given in class during the course. The final assessment will in fact consider active class participation and individual and group assignments.

### **ASSESSMENT METHODS**

The final exam is purported to verify that students have achieved a good knowledge of the general principles and rules applicable to the most important branches of law. In particular, the exam aims at assessing the ability to:

1. Understand and to elaborate on the concepts touched upon during the course.
2. Solve simple case law, applying the concepts and the rules learnt during the course.
3. Properly use technical legal language.

### **MARKING CRITERIA**

The final exam is assessed in thirty. Maximum score is 30/thirty. Knowledge and understanding of the topics tackled during the course, ability to manage a juridical discourse and apply the legal rules to case law and ability to use properly legal terminology contribute equally to the final score.

### **TEACHING MATERIALS**

**Attending students** are responsible for the teaching materials discussed in class and available on Unilink web platforms, as well as for the following parts of the following textbook:

- P. Sirena, *Introduction to Private Law*, 3rd ed., il Mulino, Bologna 2021 (Chapters III to XI)

**Non-attending students** (students who have not attended at least 75% of classes) are responsible for the same above-mentioned textbook, but **from Chapter I to XI**.

### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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