



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
FIRENZE

**Scuola di
Giurisprudenza**

INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN LEGAL CULTURE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Semester

The course takes place in the same form in both semesters.

Credits

6 CFU

Teachers

The course is jointly held by different professors of the School of Law. The coordinator of the course is currently Dr. Alessandra De Luca

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Knowledge

To have a first contact with the fundamental notions of the different fields of the Italian legal systems, as well as with the main lines of their development.

Abilities

Easier understanding of the legal implications of Italian political and social debates, and facilitated further study of specific areas of the Italian legal system.

Results to be obtained

Capacity to understand the main peculiarities of the Italian legal tradition, vis-à-vis other legal systems, also in the case of students who do not yet have the linguistic skills for directly using legal materials in the Italian language.

PRE-REQUISITES

The course is presently addressed only to English-speaking students (Level B2 of English is required) attending the University of Florence within exchange programs. The course is also open – after proper registration – to other foreign students attending educational institutions in Florence and interested in deepening their knowledge of the Italian legal tradition.

Attendance is compulsory.

In order to attend the course, students must enrol writing an e-mail to the Servizio Relazioni Internazionali of the School of Law (relint@giurisprudenza.unifi.it) indicating:

1. Name
2. Home Institution and Faculty/School
3. School attended in the University of Florence

TEACHING MATERIALS

Textbook: A. De Luca and A. Simoni (eds), *Fundamentals of Italian Law*, Milan, Giuffrè, 2014. Additional materials may be sent by email in advance.

TEACHING METHODS

The course will consist of eighteen lectures. In addition to regular class attendance, students are expected to have read the chapter concerning the subject of each lecture and to be ready to discuss the relevant topics.

PROGRAMME

References are to A. De Luca and A. Simoni (eds), *Fundamentals of Italian Law*, Milan, Giuffrè, 2014

- An Overview of the Constitutional System (pp. 1-24)
- Judicial Review of Legislation (pp. 25-39)
- The Italian Legal System and the EU Law (pp. 61-74)
- The Italian Legal System and International Law (pp. 41-74)
- The ECHR and the Italian Legal System (ad hoc materials)
- Private Law: Sources and Principles (pp. 97-112)
- The Law of Obligations (ad hoc materials)
- The Italian Machinery of Justice (pp. 143-162)
- Basic features of Civil Procedure (pp. 163-183)
- Commercial Law (ad hoc materials)
- Labour Law: An Overview (pp. 113-142)
- Criminal Justice: Basic Features and Principles (pp. 185-216)
- Criminal Procedure (pp. 217-232)
- Administrative Law (pp. 233-253)
- Modern (Italian) Philosophy and Theory of Law (ad hoc materials)
- Codification of Private Law in Italy: A Short Historical Survey (pp. 89-96)
- Italian Private Law and Its Roman Roots (pp. 75-87)

Notions on the research and interpretation of Italian legal materials will be also provided.

EXAMINATION

The grade for the course will be based on a paper and a forty minutes written examination, that will consist of thirty-one multiple choice questions. Students have to enrol for the exam of their choice in advance through the University website.