

General information	
Academic subject	International Law, sustainability objectives and sustainable transnational enterprise
Degree course	Law on Sustainable Development
Academic Year	1 st
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)	6
DSS	GIUR-09 A
Language	Italian
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	I Semester (1 st October 2025- 16 th December 2025)
Attendance	Recommended

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Syllabus	
Learning Objectives	Aim of the course is that the student acquires an appropriate knowledge of the topic of the international environmental law in relation to the objectives of sustainable development.
Course prerequisites	None
Contents	<p>Firstly, the teaching aims to provide students with the necessary historical overview of the affirmation and evolution of the international environmental law, starting from the original opposition between the environmentalist movement in rich countries and that of the right to development in poor countries, up to the current time. In this context, the main international conferences on international environmental law (Stockholm, Rio, Joannesburg, Rio+20, etc.) the relevant conventions in the sector and the role of the various subjects involved will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Secondly, the teaching will proceed with the strictly legal analysis of the principles of international environmental law and their concrete application in relation to the objectives of sustainable development.</p> <p>Finally, the conditions of access and operation of the Global Compact (1999), oriented towards respecting corporate social responsibility, through the communications system and its implementation by companies, will be examined.</p>
Books and bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. Nespore, T. Scovazzi, La protezione dell'ambiente, 2024, Giuffrè, Milano, (ISBN 9788828865339), except chapter I and chapter II and - M. Castellaneta, La responsabilità sociale di impresa nel contesto internazionale: il programma Global Compact delle Nazioni Unite, in M. Castellaneta, F. Vessia (a cura di), La responsabilità sociale d'impresa tra diritto societario e diritto internazionale, 2019, ESI, Napoli, (ISBN 978-88-495- 4105-2) pp. 261-285.
Additional materials	Given the continuous regulatory evolution of the subject, additional updated teaching material, which can be used for specific in-depth studies, will be made available.

Work schedule			
Total	Lectures	Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
Hours			
150	48		102
ECTS			
6			
Teaching strategy			
Conventional teaching methodology. During the course, power point presentations will be used to support lectures, optional in-depth seminars and international organizations' websites consultation will be held for the discussion of case law.			
Expected learning outcomes			
Knowledge and understanding on:	The student will achieve the ability to apply the legal notions relating to the international law of sustainable development and international economic law with regard to the role of states and international organizations in promoting the culture of sustainable development and environmental protection. The profiles of international liability for environmental damage will also be examined with regard to corporate social responsibility; the main legal acts adopted by international organizations for the protection of the planet; the relevant sentences issued by international judicial bodies on the topics under discussion.		
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	The student will achieve the ability to interpret and apply the fundamental notions relating to the origin, evolution and prospects of sustainable development and environmental protection in international law and international economic law.		
Soft skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autonomy of judgement At the end of the course the student will be able to interpret and apply internationally derived rules regarding environmental protection and sustainable development; the related international legal principles; the profiles of international responsibility for environmental damage; the rulings of international judicial bodies. • Communication skills At the end of the course the student will be able to report on international sustainable development law. The student will be able to compare and relate international disciplines aimed at protecting the environment and sustainable development from a political, economic and social perspective. • Ability to learn independently At the end of the course the student will have learned the fundamental notions of about international law on sustainable development, on the legal and social burdens weighing mainly on States concerning environmental matters of a universal nature, as well as the relevant international regulatory profiles for the protection of the environment and of humanity. 		
Assessment and feedback			
Methods of assessment	Oral exam.		

<p>Evaluation criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding: The student's understanding and knowledge of the fundamental notions relating to the evolution of international environmental law, the legal principles connected to it and their practical application with particular regard to the law of sustainable development will be assessed. • Applied knowledge and understanding: The student's ability to develop a contextual analysis by applying the legal notions relating to the topics covered in class will be assessed. • Independent judgment: The student's ability to interpret and apply the internationally derived rules regarding international liability for environmental damage and protection will be assessed, recalling the sentences issued by international judicial bodies. • Communication skills: o The student's ability to report on case studies will be assessed, comparing and relating the international disciplines for environmental protection and sustainable development applicable to sustainable transnational businesses. • Ability to learn: o The student's degree of learning of the fundamental notions regarding international law of sustainable development, legal and social burdens on States and businesses concerning environmental matters of a universal nature will be assessed.
<p>Criteria for assessment and attribution of the final mark</p>	<p>The vote will be attributed taking into account :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appropriate use of technical-legal language - knowledge of regulatory sources, legal notions and jurisprudential cases analyzed during the course - critical analysis and reasoning skills on the topics covered by the course <p>For the attribution of the final mark, the level of preparation achieved in accordance with the aforementioned criteria will be taken into account and, in line with the expected learning outcomes, the different levels of preparation will lead to different judgments: excellent (30/30 with honors), very good (28/29), good (25/27), satisfactory (21/24), sufficient (18/20). The honors is awarded on the basis of the previous unanimous consent of the examination committee.</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	