



COURSE OF STUDY *L-36 Political sciences*ACADEMIC YEAR *2024/2025*ACADEMIC SUBJECT *Private law*

General information	
Year of the course	l year
Academic calendar (starting	I semester (16 september 2024- 13 december 2024)
and ending date)	
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	8
SSD	IUS/01- Private law
Language	Italian
Mode of attendance	Not compulsory, but strongly recommended

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Work sched	ule		
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
200	64		136
CFU/ETCS			
8	8		

Learning Objectives	The student will acquire a solid wealth of technical and methodological knowledge in private law; will be able to use the legal lexicon and to grasp the systematic and axiological connections between the institutions of private law. The student will achieve autonomy in the search for regulatory sources and in the systematic interpretation of the same, in light of the concrete interests at stake and processes of adaptation of domestic law to international and European Union law, with a view to solving practical cases from a historical-social and interdisciplinary perspective. Among the ways in which the expected abilities are verified, we note the analysis of cases, addressed by doctrine and jurisprudence, during the development of in-depth seminars.
Course prerequisites	A good knowledge of the Italian language and the possession of adequate learning and reasoning skills are required. Basic knowledge of the





	Constitution of the Italian Republic is also useful (in particular, regarding fundamental principles and rights and the rights and duties of citizens). Passing the Private Law exam must precede the following exams: Labor Law, Italian and European Labor Law, and Industrial Relations.
Teaching strategie	The method with which to deal with the study of the discipline, and which
reaching strategie	will be followed by the teacher during the lectures, implies in addition to the analysis of private institutions, through the continuous consultation of the regulatory sources (primarily the civil code), also the ability understanding of them. This involves the development of a critical and systematic reasoning capacity around the topics dealt with, as well as the expository mastery of concepts. Classroom lessons, integrative seminars, including interdisciplinary ones, mentoring and exercises on "case studies".

Expected learning outcomes in terms of	
Knowledge and understanding on:	The student acquires the fundamental notions concerning the main institutions of civil law and the essential discipline of the same by attending, not compulsory but highly recommended, teaching activities, organized in lectures, supplementary seminars, including interdisciplinary, and exercises on "case studies".
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	The student is able to understand the complexity of the civil issues submitted to him and to interpret the main laws and privat legal institutions, on the basis of the knowledge acquired during the educational activities, in order to apply them to the concrete case, through the use of an appropriate legal lexicon.
Soft skills	 Making judgements: the student is able to understand and properly use the technical-legal terminology; is able to distinguish, within a text or a discourse, the parts that describe regulatory elements from those that offer their interpretation; knows how to operate the appropriate systematic and axiological connections between the various institutions of civil law and transdisciplinary between the various disciplines covered by the course of study. Communication: the student is able to understand the structure and function of the main institutions of civil law; knows how to apply the knowledge acquired to solve non-complex practical cases; acquires the basic knowledge for learning the legal disciplines related to private law that he will have to deal with in the degree course (eg, Labor law). Lifelong learning skills: the course aims to introduce the study of private law, offering a critical and problematic view of the matter, inspired to respect for constitutional and European legality and by the centrality of the value of the person, with particular regard to the protection of the subjects and the social formations considered weak people (minors,





	women, homosexuals, unmarried couples, families, individuals who lack all or part of autonomy).
Syllabus	
Content knowledge	Relationships between private individuals and the law; the sources of private law; subjects and subjective legal situations; goods and property; credit and debt; the contractual activity of private individuals; the other sources of the obligation; the protection of rights and the circulation of goods.
Texts and readings	A private law manual (latest edition) chosen by the student. The study of the program requires consultation of an updated civil code accompanied by the main regulatory sources.
Notes, additional materials	The study of the program requires the consultation of a civil code updated and accompanied by the main regulatory sources, as well as the study of the didactic material relating to sentences and in-depth essays of civil law institutes.
Repository	Reference texts are available in the department library. For information, please consult the following link: https://www.uniba.it/it/ricerca/dipartimenti/scienze-politiche/biblioteca/biblioteche-1/servizi-offerti

Assessment		
Assessment methods	It is required to the candidate to show, in the oral exam, systematic and analytical learning of principles, rules and of the institutes of private law, according to the Italian-European system sources. During the exam, the candidate will be asked a suitable number of questions relating to each of the books of the civil code, the subject of the exam programme, in order to test the existence of adequate preparation to pass the exam.	
	Oral exam only.	
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- Lifelong learning skills: the course aims to introduce the study of private law, offering a critical and problematic view of the matter, inspired to respect for constitutional and European legality and by the centrality of the value of the person.
- Working in groups: students attending the seminars will be asked to coordinate with other people, including those of different cultures and professional specializations, integrating skills and forming a working group for the analysis and comment of cases and jurisprudential sources.

Final exam and grading criteria

The final grade will be attributed through the assessment of the level of preparation demonstrated by the student during the examination in relation to each of the books of the civil code, on which every single question will focus, with particular regard to the subjects, to the legal situations of debt and credit, and negotiating autonomy.

The vote will be expressed out of thirty (from 18/30 to 30/30 with honors). For the assignment of honors an ad hoc question will be formulated, through which the student will have to demonstrate a thorough and critical knowledge of a private law institute, as well as an excellent ability to argue on the systematic and axiological connections between the institutions of private law.

The method of verifying the expected learning outcomes is represented by the oral test, which consists of a minimum of three questions on the teaching programme. The vote is expressed in thirtieths.

If the candidate does not demonstrate at least sufficient knowledge of basic teaching topics, it will not be possible to proceed with the subsequent questions.

The criteria followed for the evaluation of learning outcomes expressed out of thirty are:

Insufficient: **0-17** Lack of, incomplete and inadequate knowledge of the topics contained in the program, use of non-legal lexicon by the candidates Sufficient: **18-20** Sufficient knowledge of the topics contained in the program and overall adequacy of the legal lexicon used by the candidates Fair: **21-23** Fair knowledge of the topics contained in the program, fair argumentation and connection skills between the various topics, through the use of an adequate legal lexicon by the candidates





Good: 24-26 Good knowledge of the topics contained in the program, good ability for in-depth analysis and criticism, through the use of an adequate legal lexicon by the candidates Distinct: 27-28 More than good knowledge of the topics contained in the program, more than good ability for in-depth analysis, connection between the different topics, criticism and mastery of the legal lexicon on the part of the candidates Very good: 29-30 Excellent knowledge of the topics contained in the program, excellent ability for in-depth analysis, connection between the different topics, as well as criticism and mastery of the legal lexicon on the part of the candidates Excellent: 30L Excellent knowledge of the topics contained in the program, excellent ability for in-depth analysis, connection between the different topics, criticism and mastery of the legal lexicon on the part of the candidates. **Further information**