# Commercial Law

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Introduction to the main institutions of private law and corporate law.

At the end of the course, students will be able to identify the main institutes in private and commercial law, and, with regard to the latter, appreciate the relevance of the different forms of business (individual; collective; corporate), as well as their differences from the point of view of regulation.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Part 1 – *Private Law*

Private law and its sources.

Legal situations.

Legal facts and acts

Entity and person. Collective entities

The contract.

The non-contractual liability.

The protection of the incompetent.

The rights of personality.

Successions and donations.

Part 2 – *Commercial Law*

The entrepreneur in general.

Categories of entrepreneurs.

The company.

Distinctive marks.

Intellectual property. Industrial inventions.

Regulating competition.

Companies.

Partnerships.

Limited companies.

Joint-stock/public limited companies.

Private limited companies.

Limited partnership with a share capital.

***READING LIST***

For part 1 (Private Law)

Raffaele Caterina, *Lineamenti di diiritto privato*, Zanichelli, 2021, only the following chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12.

For part 2 (Commercial Law)

*Manuale di diritto commerciale*, a cura di Marco Cian, 3rd edition, Giappichelli, 2021, limited to the following sections: 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 (except § 56), 12, 13, 14.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral assessment. Students will be tested on their knowledge of the topics explained during the first and the second part of the course, as well as their ability to create links between the different institutes in civil law.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

An updated edition of the *Codice Civile* (Civil Code) is also an indispensable learning resource for this subject.

In this respect, continual legal modifications mean that frequent referral to the updated texts and documents in use is advisable; students are advised to attend lectures for this same reason.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.