**Roman Law**

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

For the academic year 2023-2024, the course aims to read and comment with the students a selection of legal texts from the classical Roman age in its original Latin version with Italian translation. These texts deal with land management and the prevention of hydrogeological risks. The students’ intended learning outcomes are the ability to autonomously perform the exegesis of the texts studied, the ability to present the contents relating the legal institutes addressed with correct legal terminology, and knowledge of the Roman legal experience relating to the historical period analysed. Course attendance is not compulsory but facilitates the acquisition of these skills: non-attending students can prepare themselves on an alternative programme (see below in Reading list). The Roman Law exam can be included twice in the degree curriculum (Roman Law course A and course B) as long as they are included in two different, also non-consecutive, years of the course. For this reason, to allow two-year course students to prepare two different programmes for the exam, the subject of the course will vary each academic year. The two-year programme of Roman Law for non-attending students is specified below in the reading list.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course held in the AY 2023-2024 will be dedicated to the exegetical analysis of a selection of legal texts concerning private or public law issues related to the management and exploitation of rural land property and the defence of the territory from hydrogeological instability: this will be aimed at showing, albeit with due distinctions, how much can still be learned from ancient legal experience in order to exploit all the potential of a territory according to sustainability criteria. In fact, one point on which the Romans can certainly guide us is that of the means established by the law so that private individuals, together with the institutions, can play an active part in the protection of the territory and participate in the general interest.

***READING LIST***

Bibliography for students *attending* the course in the academic year 2023-2024:

Lecture notes; teaching material will be available during the course (either during classes or online).

 For *non-attending* students:

1) Roman law 1:

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma,* Pacini, Pisa, 2016,Introduction (pp. 13-15), Reading notes (pp. 17-40), Units (paintings included) concerning the period between the death of Caesar and the death of Marcus Aurelius (numbers 57-85, pp. 228-327) and

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma. I. Approfondimenti sull’età giulio-claudia,* Pacini, Pisa,2021.

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma. II. I Flavi e gli imperatori adottivi*,pp. 1-38.Paper handout explaining the paintings and freely downloadable from Blackboard, Roman Law, section ‘Course Materials’ Academic Year 2021-2022.

2) Roman law 2:

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma,* Pacini, Pisa, 2016, Introduction (pp. 13-15), Reading notes (pp. 17-40), Units (paintings included) nn. 86-115 (pp. 330-423) *and*

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma III. Dai Severi a Giustiniano*’:

Paper handout explaining the paintings and freely downloadable from Blackboard, Roman Law, section ‘Course Materials’ Academic Year 2021-2022.

or

L. Maganzani, *L’arte racconta il diritto e la storia di Roma,* Pacini, Pisa, 2016,Introduzione (pp. 13-15),Introduction (pp. 13-15), Reading notes (pp. 17-40), Units (paintings included), umbers 86-115 (pp. 330-423: from the Severan dynasty to Justinian);

If students, who have taken the Roman Law 1 exam as attending students, intend to take the Roman Law 2 exam as non-attending students, they will have to study the programme referred to in point 1 above.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures based on the reading and the exegetic comment of a selection of sources of the classical Roman period and students active participation. These sources will be analysed in Latin with their Italian translation provided by the lecturer during the course. Other materials may be provided during lectures. The course will also include meetings with experts on the subject, educational trips in geographical areas that are significant for the study of the Roman empire history. Finally, students will have the possibility to join scientific events organised by the Law Faculty.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exams that will take place starting from the end of the course during official exam terms. In order to take the exam students will have to register online. However, attending students will have the possibility to plan with the Professor other forms of assessments to be held during the course.

The assessment criteria include the knowledge of the subject, the use of an appropriate terminology and the ability to express the key concepts learnt during classes from a personal perspective.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Further information on the final exam, seminars, and scientific events organised by the Law Faculty will be given by the Professor during classes.

All students, even those not attending the course, are in any case invited to discuss with the Professor any problems concerning the exam program, the placement of the Roman Law A and / or B exams in the study plan and the methods of verifying preparation.

The knowledge of the Latin language is not a prerequisite for the course.

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