# Seminar on Legal Design

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

The seminar aims to illustrate the fundamentals of *Legal Design*, an innovative discipline that combines law, legal argumentation, design and communication techniques to make the legal message more understandable to its recipients (citizens, consumers, a party in a trial, clients of a law firm, company employees, etc.).

The seminar, characterised both by a theoretical and practical component, will analyse the legal, philosophical, and cultural principles underlying the *Legal Design*, the design and rewriting techniques of legal texts, and the experiences in Italy and abroad. Participants will be introduced to the design of legal texts (contracts, opinions, client information, judgments, procedures) in *Legal Design* through *design thinking* techniques (problem analysis, creation of solutions and prototypes, *testing*, *feedback* search, etc.). The participation of a *design thinker* is expected.

At the end of the seminar, students will know the theoretical foundations of *Legal Design* and will be able to design or rewrite legal texts using the techniques of this discipline.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Introduction to the *Legal Design* discipline: attention to the recipient of the legal message as a tool for implementing *corporate social responsibility*.
* Analysis of the experiences of the most important *Legal Design* schools in the world.
* From "legalese" to the use of clear and precise technical language.
* Introduction to graphics tools.
* Practical exercises: analysis of legal texts of various kinds (laws, sentences, judicial documents, contracts, *policies*, etc.); re-writing exercises using *Legal Design*.

***READING LIST***

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***TEACHING METHOD***

The seminar will consist of frontal lectures and an interactive part with exercises and *workshops* aimed at a practical understanding of the discipline and at acquiring basic familiarity with the *designer’s* tools of.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students’ participation in the seminar will be verified: the expected ECTS credit will be awarded only if the students’ attendance is at least 75%. Students will also be required to give written or oral presentations aimed at assessing the achievement of the intended learning outcomes.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The seminar, consisting of 16 hours of frontal lectures, is worth 1 ECTS credit. The meetings will be held in the second semester, according to a scheduling that will be published on the faculty website and on the webpage of prof. Matteo Corti. The seminar requires good knowledge of the legal system as a whole, therefore it is especially suitable for last years’ students who have already taken a substantial part of the exams required by their study plan.

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.