# Principles of Private Law

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

Teaching to students the methodological tools and basic notions to understand the subject, focusing on business activity also from a practical point of view.

At the end of the course the student:

* will have learnt the essential private law economic institutions and will be able to grasp their importance in the life of a company;
* will have the ability to formulate independent basic judgments, discuss and evaluate solutions provided by legal advisors.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Legal Order - Law Sources - Application and Interpretation of Law - Temporal Effects of Law - Legal Analogy and Reasoning - Individual Legal Rights - Exercise and Protection of Rights - Statute of Limitations and Lapse - Natural persons and Personal rights - Legal persons and Non-profit Organizations - Brief References to Property and Possession - Obligations in General - Obligations Sources - Duty to Performance - Non-performance and liability - Damages - Ways of Extinguishing Obligation other than by Performance - Succession in credit and debt - Pledge and Mortgage - Avoidance and Subrogation Actions - Contract - Essential Elements of Contract - Conclusion of Contract - Invalidities of Contract – Simulation of Contract and Trust - Rescission and Resolution of Contract - Typical (Nominate) and Atypical (Innominate) Contracts - Contracts of Marketing and Management - Brief References to Tort Law.

***READING LIST***

G. Iudica – P. Zatti, *Language and Rules of Italian Private Law. A Brief Textbook,* Wolters Kluwer - Cedam, last edition. The chapters to be studied will be listed at the beginning of the course and on the Professor’s web page.

The lessons slides will be available on Blackboard. During the course a series of essay will be indicated to deepen of the topics of the lessons.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom and simulation with the participation of students.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

#### The aim of examination is to assess the level of knowledge and understanding of the candidate. In exceptional cases, students can take the exam orally.

*Evaluation methods for attending students*

The overall evaluation is based on the outcome of 3 assignments posting during the classroom (2 multiple choice questions, each assignment will attribute a score from 0 to 1) and a written test lasting 90 minute (9 open-ended questions, each response will attribute a score from 0 to 3). The overall rating is given by the sum of each score.

*Evaluation mode for non-attending students*

The overall evaluation is based on a written test lasting 100 minute (10 open-ended questions). For each response will attribute a score from 0 to 3. The overall rating is given by the sum of each score.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course is introductory; therefore, it does not require prerequisites related to the contents. It is recommended to attend classes and to know the Italian *Codice civile* and the related rules in its last version.

***OFFICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS***

Updated timetables on office hours are permanently available on the professor’s personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.