# 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[[1]](#footnote-1)***

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. [*Acquista da VP*](https://librerie.unicatt.it/scheda-libro/paolo-zatti-giovanni-iudica/language-and-rules-of-italian-private-law-a-brief-texbook-9788813372613-686275.html)

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/>.

1. I testi indicati nella bibliografia sono acquistabili presso le librerie di Ateneo; è possibile acquistarli anche presso altri rivenditori. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)