**Business law and sustainability**

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

The course is divided into two parts: the first part dedicated to exploring the discipline of the entrepreneur (business and company), the second part relating to companies, in particular to the organisation and financing of joint-stock companies. Both parts will focus on the main commercial law institutions relating to the issue of corporate sustainability.

At the end of the module, students will have acquired adequate theoretical knowledge of Italian commercial and corporate law, with specific regard to companies (both of persons and capital), and their functioning and regulatory profiles in terms of sustainability. In addition, the course aims to teach students the ability to apply the knowledge acquired to the practical cases addressed during lectures.

***COURSE CONTENT***

- The concept of business pursuant to art. 2082 of the Italian Civil Code

- Agricultural enterprise, commercial enterprise, and social enterprise

- Organisational structures of the company and sustainability

- The company and its transfer

- The company case in point and the purpose of the company: for-profit companies and benefit corporations

- Partnerships

- The establishment of the joint stock company and amendments to the articles of association

- The financial structure of joint stock companies

- The organisational structure of joint-stock companies, social interest, and relations with stakeholders

- Cooperative businesses

- Benefit corporation

***READING LIST***

M. Cian, Manuale di diritto commerciale, Giappichelli, latest edition. (compulsory)

Other supplementary material will be uploaded to Blackboard

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course is divided into lectures in class, aimed at encouraging direct dialogue with students. To this end, in addition to theoretical lessons (designed to provide students with an explanation of the key concepts of the subject matter), students will carry out an analysis of practical cases trying to apply the concepts acquired.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam is oral and accounts for 100% of the course assessment. The exam consists of questions about the course content in order to assess the students' preparation, knowledge and ability to apply them to practical cases.

The final mark is on a 30-point scale and will take into account the relevance and completeness of the answer to the question as well as the appropriate use of legal language.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

For an effective study of this subject, we recommend constantly consulting an updated civil code.

It is furthermore necessary that student have adequate background knowledge of the institutional principles of private law.

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