# .- Canon Law

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

The course aims to provide students with:

- the acquisition of a broad historical legal culture;

- knowledge of the main juridical institutions of the Catholic Church in the light of the innovations introduced in the most recent legislative reforms;

- knowledge of the sources of canon law, of the rights and duties of the faithful, of the powers and tasks of clerics; the organization of institutes of consecrated life; the hierarchical constitutional and territorial organization of the Church;

- knowledge of the main institutes of canonical patrimonial law;

- understanding the impact of digital innovation on canon law with particular attention to the organization of communication and the protection of personal data and good reputation.

At the end of the course, the student:

- will be able to understand and interpret canonical norms;

- will know the sources of canon law, the constitutional structure of the Catholic Church, its territorial organization and legal institutions for the administration of the patrimony of ecclesiastical bodies;

- will be able to apply the legal instruments of digitization in the context of the canon law;

- will also be able to interact with the canonical bodies responsible in the Church for the management of personal data both locally and centrally.

***COURSE CONTENT***

General part

From the Graziano Decree to the codifications of John Paul II

The “Law” in the Catholic Church

The Christian faithful

Obligations and Rights of all the Christian faithful

The lay Christian faithful, the Sacred Ministries or Clerics.

The Religious and the Institutes of Consecrated life.

The governance of the Universal church.

The governance of local churches.

Special subject

*Patrimonial Canon Law*

Ecclesiastical goods; the administration of the ecclesiastical goods; administrators, stewards and forms of liability, the management of Church property; Charity and Third sector; canon criminal law: offences against church authorities and the exercise of duties.

#### READING LIST

General part, one of these books:

G. Feliciani, *Le basi del diritto canonico,* a cura di Michele Madonna 2a edizione Il Mulino, Bologna, 2023;

G. Dalla Torre, *Lezioni di diritto canonico*, Quinta edizione aggiornata a cura di Geraldina Boni e Paolo Cavana, G. Giappichelli Editore, Torino, 2022

Special part, a:

Jesús Miñambres - Jean Pierre Schouppe, *Diritto patrimoniale canonico,* Edusc, Roma, 2022, i capitoli da 1 a 5

For the exam preparation is also suggest reading the documents offered by the web sites:

- www.vatican.va

- [www.chiesacattolica.it](http://www.chiesacattolica.it)

TEACHING METHOD

The lessons, organized with the use of the most innovative digital teaching tools, will combine theoretical discussions with the analysis of cases with the active participation of students. During the course there will be the presence of Italian and foreign scholars and experts also in videoconference.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The final exam will consist of a written or oral test chosen by the student, evaluated out of thirty consisting of three questions worth 10 points each. In the case of the written test, 15 minutes will be made available for each question; in the case of the oral exam, no less than 30 minutes in total. In the written tests, as well as in the oral one, in addition to the completeness of the answers from the point of view of the contents, organizational, expository and summary skills will also be evaluated.

Students who actively participate in the lessons will be periodically administered written tests aimed at verifying the degree of learning achieved in itinere. The written tests and the active participation will help to determine the final evaluation which will focus on the part of the program whose knowledge has not been verified through the periodic learning tests.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course does not require prerequisites with respect to the contents. However, good basic historical knowledge and curiosity about aspects of digital innovation are recommended.

In the course, especially for in-depth study, ample use will be made of the Blackboard Learning SystemTM available on the Internet (http://blackboard.unicatt.it) through the University's server. This system will allow documentation, lesson outlines and notices to be made available to students and also supports discussion and on-line chat with the lecturer. Prof. Antonio G. Maria Chizzoniti receives students, as per notice placed on the bulletin board at the Faculty of Law, or by appointment.