



Regulations for the Bachelor's degree in "Comparative, European and International Legal Studies" (CEILS)

The present tables replace the tables attached to the *Course Regulations for the Bachelor's Degree in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies (CEILS)*, issued in Italian with DR 759 of 22 August 2019

Annex 1: Table 1 – Educational objectives of the activities included in the programme

Bachelor's degree in "Comparative, European and International Legal Studies": objectives of the degree programme planned for the 2020/2021 intake and subsequent cohorts

module name	Objectives
FIRST YEAR	
Comparative Legal Systems	<p>This module will initially address the fundamental notions of "law" and "legal order", as well as the general features of the sources of law, both from a declamatory and an operational point of view. The module will proceed with the analysis of the main characteristics of some contemporary models, in particular, the legal systems of the civil law and common law families, and will examine, from a comparative perspective, the historical developments that contributed to their creation. Some lessons will also be devoted to a general overview of other concepts of the social and legal order: the Indian legal system, that of the Far East (in particular China and Japan), that of Africa and Madagascar, those of Muslim countries and of transition countries in Eastern Europe. Finally, the purpose and tools of comparative law will be illustrated to students to introduce them to the methodology of comparative legal science, which will be applied in some modules of the second and third year. The aim of the course is to provide students with the knowledge, tools and methodology of comparative law. At the end of the module students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identify the fundamental elements of an institute, concept or legal system insofar as they are relevant for explaining its function in order to compare it with a similar model (functionalism); identify the different formants and evaluate their convergence or dissociation (structuralism) in relation to a specific factual situation.- Understand the relevant aspects of a legal system and a legal family, as a starting point for a comparison activity.- Understand and discuss the most important features and methods of comparative legal science.
Comparative Constitutional Law	<p>This module explores the institutional dimension of legal and political orders belonging to the Western legal tradition. The first part of the course will examine, from a theoretical and historical perspective, the definitions of constitution and the constitution-making and constitution-amending processes. The institutional set-up will then be analyzed, taking into consideration the form of government (parliamentary government, presidentialism, semi-presidentialism) and the territorial division of powers (federalism and regionalism). The last part of the module will be devoted to the organization of ordinary courts and models of constitutional legitimacy control.</p>
Philosophy of Law	<p>This module develops a philosophical investigation of several emerging theoretical issues in relation to law by discussing the nature of law and legal systems, by examining the philosophical foundations of law, by analyzing the relationship between law and morality, as well as the main questions of the theory of argumentation as identified by the classical method of the philosophy of law. The course will provide students with the basic tools to develop critical thinking, reflecting on the nature of truth in argumentative contexts, and by teaching the difference between valid and invalid arguments - founded and groundless.</p>
Roman Foundations of European Law	<p>This module deals with the history of Roman private law in the period starting from the Twelve Tables (5th century BC) up to the age of Justinian (6th century AD). Roman private law provides students with an understanding of the foundations of European private law systems. The study of Roman private law offers the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of the principles that underlie the legal systems of the Western legal tradition, and beyond.</p>



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European Union Law	This module aims to provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge of the functioning of the legal system and institutions of the European Union. Students will learn to evaluate the relevance of legal arguments with reference to a series of case studies drawn from the jurisprudence of European courts. The module will focus on the EU institutional set-up, legislative procedures and sources of law, judicial protection of rights and the relationship with national legal systems. Finally, the module will briefly focus on the role of the EU in the international legal context.
Foundations of Private Law from an EU Perspective	The aim of this module is to introduce students to the basic principles and categories of private law, as developed in the Western legal tradition and in the European framework. Having particular regard to the fundamentals and limits of private autonomy, the student will be introduced to the basic concepts of private law in the field of fundamental human rights, property administration and the legal circulation of the rights inherent to them, for the contractual regulation of patrimonial and non-patrimonial interests inherent to the activity of private citizens whether they be individuals or organizations. Students will be stimulated to examine issues of private law from a supranational perspective, which takes due account of the role of European Union law and international law, as well as the instruments of comparison between national legal systems.
Informatics and Legal Research (Informatics and the Law)	The aim of this module is to provide students with the principles of legal computer science and some basic computer skills, especially necessary for consulting databases with a legal content.
SECOND YEAR	
History of Western Legal Tradition	This module offers students the opportunity to examine the Western legal tradition from a broad historical-comparative perspective, as well as the opportunity to learn about the long development process that has led to the legal problems of our time. The study of law from a historical and comparative perspective provides a rich basis for both research and practice in all areas of law.
Introduction to Economics	This module will present students with the fundamental principles of microeconomics that form the basis of an analysis of a market economy. The course will illustrate to students how the different legal settings and institutions determine the functioning of the market, considered as a coordination mechanism for the allocation of resources. Educational objectives At the end of the module, students will be able to: - Understand and explain the process of determining prices in a market economy; - Understand and explain the way in which scarce resources are designated for different uses through a particular institution, namely (perfectly or imperfectly competitive) markets; - Analyse the effect of different regulatory frameworks on the functioning of the market and on the allocation of resources.
International Law	The international law module aims to offer students knowledge of the basic characteristics of the international legal system and of the functions of production, assessment and coercive implementation of international law. To this end, the fundamental characteristics of the subjects and sources of international law, the content of the rules of international law and the relations between international law and state systems will be presented first. The study of the violation of international obligations and its consequences will precede that of the function of ascertaining the law in international legal order. During the module, particular attention will be paid to international current affairs, which offers daily ideas for understanding the impact of international law, also in relation to other disciplines such as politics and economics, in international relations and within states. At the end of the module the student will be able to: - Appreciate the distinctive features of international order with respect to internal systems; - Define what the subjects of international law are; - Detect, also empirically, customary and international conventional rules; - Understand the content of international standards and the methods of application; - Reconstruct cases of violations of international obligations and the consequences of such violations; - Distinguish methods of ascertaining rights in a community with no overarching governing bodies such as an international one, and understand the essential features and operating methods of universal, regional and sectoral international jurisdictions and the phenomenon of the alleged fragmentation of international law.
Comparative Private Law	The aim of this module is to train students in the study of the main features of private law in Western legal systems through the use of the comparative method. During the lessons, students will analyze



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	instances relevant to both national legal systems (civil law and common law) and supranational law, principally in relation to European Union law, as well as some paradigmatic cases of soft law instruments. The analysis will cover a selection of topics concerning property rights, civil liability and contracts, in order to highlight the relations between the various formants (legislative, jurisprudential and doctrinal) and to understand the relationship between formal and operational rules. This approach will allow students to assess the degree of convergence or divergence between the different legal systems analyzed.
Criminal Law	The criminal law module will be organized in three parts in order to provide students with an understanding of: 1. the constitutional principles and fundamental concepts of criminal law, of the structure of the main institutions and of the main categories of criminal law, of punishment and the different types of penalties from a comparative perspective; 2. developments relating to European criminal law, both with reference to legislation and jurisprudence, as well as to their influence on the national systems of criminal law and penal justice; 3. the fundamental principles of international criminal law. The organisation of the module content aims to allow students to acquire a method that will allow them to move with ease in a complex international panorama, mastering the system of sources and their complex interactions.
International and Supranational	This module explores the methods and techniques of protecting fundamental rights in Europe, with an approach that combines theoretical perspectives and empirical analysis.
THIRD YEAR	
Employment and Labour Law	This module aims primarily to provide students with a general understanding of the sources of labour law (constitutional provisions, legislation, collective agreements and employment contracts). Furthermore, the module aims to treat and analyze the notions and main concepts of international and European Union labour law, with particular emphasis on a number of norms that are considered fundamental by both these systems (such as, for example: the fight against discrimination in the workplace, the attempt to eliminate child labour and protect young workers, the recognition of forms of social protection).
Business and Company Law	This module offers an overview of European and International company law. After a general introduction to European company law from a comparative perspective, the module explores the following topics: the freedom of establishment of companies in the European Union, the programme for harmonizing European company law and European companies. Students who have passed the exam will be able to understand the essential characteristics of company law in the various Member States of the European Union, as well as offer companies and individuals legal advice on the subject of corporate structuring and transnational transactions involving legal entities established in the European Union.
Administrative Law	This module aims to provide an introduction to the rules and principles relating to public administration and its relationship with private parties. The principles of administrative action will be examined in the light of the distinction between discretionary power and non-discretionary power. The practical implementation of the general principles will also be analyzed, with particular reference to the different phases of administrative procedure as well as to the fundamental rules on the judgment of the legitimacy of the measures, both from a supranational (European and global) and comparative perspective. The possibility, and the advisability, of codifying the discipline of the European administrative procedure will be discussed from this perspective. At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and appropriately describe the fundamental principles and rules of administrative law, also from a supranational perspective.
Civil Litigation in a Comparative Perspective	The main aim of this module is to offer the essential skills on how to deal with and resolve cross-border civil litigation. In particular, the objectives of the module are to allow students to develop the ability to recognize a cross-border civil dispute, identify the techniques to solve it, know when the legal route appears to be the most appropriate (in comparison to an out-of-court solution), identify the judges of the legal systems that have jurisdiction over the dispute, know how the process can be started, how to collect and produce evidence in the trial, what the outcome of the trial might be and whether it is at risk of revision by a higher court and, finally, if and how it is possible to obtain recognition and execution of a sentence handed down in other legal systems.



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Criminal Procedure from a Comparative and International Perspective	This module aims to provide students with the knowledge of the structural characteristics and fundamental principles of a criminal trial, as well as to highlight the similarities and differences between the main European systems of administration of criminal justice (common law and civil law). Particular attention will also be paid to transnational proceedings and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, especially with a view to European Union law.
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Business and Consumer Transactions	The aim of this module is to provide students with knowledge of the main legal instruments used by businesses and consumers to undertake and regulate economic transactions in the context of global markets. Starting from a supranational perspective, which takes into due consideration the European context and also private international regulation, the module aims, in particular, to develop in students the ability to select and employ contractual instruments suitable for regulating forms of exchange and cooperation between economic operators, following the negotiation, execution and litigation phases.
Conflict of Laws	The aim of this module is to provide a critical understanding of the sources of private international law, the problems posed by their coordination, the principles underlying their interpretation, and the determination of the rules applicable to legal problems that contain links to more than one state. The course also aims to provide thorough and practical knowledge of the main legal instruments in this field, at international, European and national level.
Competition Law	This module provides an introduction to the doctrines, public policies and economic theories that underpin competition law in the European Union and the United States of America. Examining the applicable regulations and case law, the course aims to evaluate the role of the various economic and non-economic objectives pursued by competition law, evaluating also the role played by economic thought in the application of this discipline.
Principles of Law and Finance	The course is intended to provide students with an understanding of fundamental economic and financial concepts and their relationship with the law and regulation. Having set out the basic economic and operational features of global financial markets (capital, banking and shadow banking markets), the course will deepen both the goals of financial regulation (namely, efficiency, competition, stability and investors' protection), and the regulatory strategies to pursue those goals, especially focusing on the contents of EU regulation.



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Annex 2: Table 2 – Structure of the Degree Course in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies for the 2020/2021 intake and subsequent cohorts.

FIRST YEAR OF THE DEGREE

compulsory modules

Name of module	CFU (credits)	SSD	Type of activity	Compulsory preliminary courses
Comparative Legal Systems	9	IUS/02	compulsory characterising module	---
Comparative Constitutional Law	9	IUS/08	compulsory core module	---
Philosophy of Law	9	IUS/20	compulsory core module	---
Roman Foundations of European Law	6	IUS/18	compulsory core module	---
European Union Law	9	IUS/14	compulsory characterising module	---
Foundations of Private Law from an EU Perspective	9	IUS/01	compulsory core module	---
Informatics and Legal Research (Informatics and the Law)	3	NN		---
A higher level of English Language proficiency (level C1)	6		Other activities / further training activities (art. 10, c.5, letter c) higher language proficiency	---
Second foreign language (Italian as a foreign language)	6		Other activities / further training activities (art. 10, c.5, letter c) higher language proficiency	---



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SECOND YEAR OF THE DEGREE

compulsory modules

Name of course		CFU	SSD	Type of activity	Compulsory preliminary courses		
History of Western Legal Tradition		9	IUS/19	compulsory core module	---		
Introduction to Economics		9	SECS-P/01	compulsory characterising module	---		
International Law		9	IUS/13	compulsory characterising module	---		
Comparative Private Law		6	IUS/02	compulsory characterising module	Comparative Legal Systems		
Criminal Law		6	IUS/17	compulsory characterising module	---		
International and Supranational Protection of Fundamental Rights		6	IUS/21	compulsory characterising module	Comparative Constitutional Law European Union Law		
Further training activities	Seminars aimed at acquiring applied language knowledge and instrumental to better integration into the world of work; other thematic seminar activities.	0 – 9	9	NN	Other activities / further training activities (art. 10, c.5, letter d) / Other useful preparation for entry into the world of work	---	
	Internship (in Italy or abroad)	3 weeks full-time / 6 weeks part-time		3	NN	Other activities / further training activities (art. 10, c.5, letter d) / Other useful preparation for entry into the world of work	---
		6 weeks full-time / 12 weeks part-time		6			
		9 weeks full-time / 18 weeks part-time		9			

Free choice (elective) modules (from the second year onwards)

Name of module	CFU (credits)	SSD	Type of activity	Compulsory preliminary courses
Free choice /elective	18		courses chosen by the student	



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THIRD YEAR OF THE DEGREE

compulsory courses

Name of course		CFU (credits)	SSD	Type of activity	Compulsory preliminary courses
Employment and Labour Law		6	IUS/07	compulsory supplementary specialisation module	Foundations of Private Law from an EU Perspective
Business and Company Law		6	IUS/04	compulsory characterising module	---
Administrative Law		6	IUS/10	compulsory supplementary specialisation module	Comparative Legal Systems Comparative Constitutional Law European Union Law
Civil Litigation in a Comparative Perspective		6	IUS/15	compulsory supplementary specialisation module	---
Criminal Procedure from a Comparative and International Perspective		6	IUS/06	compulsory supplementary specialisation module	---
One exam chosen from	Principles of Law and Finance	6	IUS/02	compulsory supplementary specialisation module	---
	Conflicts of Law		IUS/13		---
	Competition Law		IUS/04		---
FINAL ASSESSMENT AND EXAM		6		Final assessment and exam	