COURSE INFORMATION

Title: Canon Law
Course No.: 808009301
Degree: Law
Department: Theodor Mommsen
Academic Year: 2017-2018
Course type: Elective
Timetable: 2 hours per session; 2 sessions per week
Credit value: 6

TEACHING STAFF

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PROGRAMME

1. DESCRIPTION
‘Derecho Canónico’ (Canon Law) is an elective course in the fourth year of the curriculum of the official degree in Law. It must not be confused with the compulsory course ‘Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado’ (State Ecclesiastical Law) in the first year. The latter, which is not taught in a foreign language, deals with Spanish law on religious matters while the former involves learning the basics of the law of the Roman Catholic Church, which is ‘the oldest continuously functioning legal system in the western world’ (E. Peters). Nor should it be forgotten that Canon Law is worldwide in force.

2. PREREQUISITES
Since this course is offered to students of whatever degree, no prerequisite is required, although a general knowledge of Catholicism is recommended, irrespective of personal beliefs.

3. OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES
Objectives:
- Understand the principles of the legal system of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Familiarise oneself with basic concepts of Canon Law.

Learning outcomes:
- Realise the canonical implications of the life of the Catholic Church.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the canon law contribution to modern legal systems.
- Explain what canonical marriage is and isn’t.
- Apply theoretical knowledge of canon law to achieve the declaration of nullity of a marriage.
4. TEACHING METHODOLOGY
Lectures: a reading and discussion on teaching materials from October 16th to November 28th, on Monday and Tuesday, 9.30-11.30 AM (classroom to be assigned).
Field trips: visit to Latin Bishopric and to Greek-Catholic parish in December 2017.
Project: a research to be done by each student according to the instructions that will be explained on the very first lecture.

5. CONTENTS
FIRST THEMATIC BLOCK: GENERAL PART OF CANON LAW
Lesson 1.1. Concept of Canon Law.
Lesson 1.2. Historical development of Canon Law.
Lesson 1.3. Persons.
Lesson 1.4. Social and hierarchic structure of Roman Catholic Church
SECOND THEMATIC BLOCK: CANON LAW ON MARRIAGE
Lesson 2.1. Basic concepts on marriage.
Lesson 2.2. Diriment impediments.
Lesson 2.3. Matrimonial consent.
Lesson 2.4. Form of celebration.
THIRD THEMATIC BLOCK: MARRIAGE CAUSES
Lesson 3.1. Ecclesiastical tribunals
Lesson 3.2. Process to declare the nullity of marriage.
Lesson 3.3. Other marriage processes.

6. BIBLIOGRAPHY
(a) Books.
BOGARIN DIAZ, J., Basics of Canon Law, Universidad de Huelva, Huelva 2016.


(b) Journals in English language

*The Jurist* (The Catholic University of America),

*Studia Canonica* (Saint Paul University in Ottawa)

(c) Websites.

The Holy See (http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)

Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts (www.delegumtextibus.va)

The Hierarchy of the Catholic Church (http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org)

Giga-Catholic Information (http://www.gcatholic.org)

The Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland (http://www.clsgbi.org)

The Canon Law Society of America (http://www.clsa.org)

The Canadian Canon Law Society (http://www.ccls-scdc.ca)

The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand (http://www.clsanz.catholic.org.au)

The Canon Law Society of India (http://www.canonlawsocietyindia.org)

Selected Reference Documents related to the Code of Canon Law prepared by Monsignor Jason Gray (http://www.jgray.org)

Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales (http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

The Bishop’s Conference of Scotland (http://www.bcos.org.uk)

Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference (http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (http://www.usccb.org)

7. ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by these instruments:

(1) Main method: continuous evaluation.

(a) Oral participation (20%): attendance and attitude.

(b) Project (80%): a 10-page paper (deadline to send it: December 31st, 2017).

(2) Alternative method: written exam.

(a) Multiple-choice test of 10 items to be taken on January 22nd, 2018 (be warned that wrong answers diminish the marks).

Final results will be given in terms of a numerical scale between 0 and 10 (including tenths), with the corresponding qualitative ratings below:

- ≤4.9: Fail (‘Suspenso’) (D)
- 5.0 - 6.9: Pass (‘Aprobado’) (C)
- 7.0 - 8.9: Pass with Merit (‘Notable’) (B)
- 9.0 - 10: Pass with High Merit (‘Sobresaliente’) (A)

Highly merited students can be awarded with a Distinction (‘Matrícula de Honor’). The total number of distinctions cannot exceed 5% of the students enrolled in the subject in the academic year (unless the number of students enrolled is lower to 20, in which case one distinction can be awarded).

Those who have not passed the continuous evaluation and have not completed the written exam will be graded as Absent (‘No Presentado’).

The grading system is subject to the Bachelor’s Degree Exam Regulations of the University of Huelva. Please refer to: http://www.uhu.es/sec.general/Normativa/Texto_Normativa/evaluacion_titulaciones_grado_master.pdf