

Syllabus

Teaching course: “Veterinary Legal Medicine, Veterinary Legislation and Animal Protection” (3 CFU; 27 hours: 24 hours of academic lessons and 3 hours of practical lessons)

Learning objectives:

1) to allow the student to work in compliance with the health care law currently in force, in public and private practice as well as in livestock industry; this teaching course also provides the necessary knowledge to attend the 5th year’s professional practical training on transmissible diseases and cross-compliance.

2) to provide the student with the necessary knowledge and working method to autonomously identify and critically analyse the law currently in force and relevant to the veterinary profession at any level (international, European, national and regional); in this perspective, the program contents regarding the fundamentals of law and the special part topics will be propaedeutic for reaching this objective.

Academic Lessons

Acquired knowledge and skills	Topic	Contents	Hours
Opening lecture		In this lesson the course’s teaching methods, contents, teaching material and assessment methods will be explained.	1
1. GENERAL PART (7 HOURS) 1. Fundamentals of law	Fundamentals of the national legal system (3 hours)	The powers of the State; the national legal system; distribution of competences between State and Regions; national and regional institutions	1
		The legislative power; the decision-making process; the legislative process; the role of the Regions; the sources of law; the resolution of antinomies	2
	Fundamentals of the European Union’s legal system (4 hours)	General information on the EU: integration and enlargement; distribution of competencies	1
		The institutions of the European Union and the decision-making process	1
		The European Union’s legal system_ sources of law and relations between the national legal system and European law	2
	2. SPECIAL PART (16 hours) 1. Notions on the legal protection of animals (2 hours) 2. Notions of international, EU and national law on	Animals in criminal law	Offences against animals
Animals in civil law		Liability for damage caused by animals; the purchase and sale of animals and the guarantee for defects	1
Animal health law		Basic animal health laws: concept of reporting and notification of infectious diseases	2

<p>the protection of animals (10 hours)</p> <p>3. Notions of EU and national legislation on animal health (2 hours)</p> <p>4. Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products (2 hours)</p> <p>5. EU and national food safety rules (2 hours)</p>	Animal farming	The protection of animals kept for farming purposes: horizontal and vertical law (calves, pigs, laying hens, broilers)	3
	Animal transport	Regulation on the protection of animals during transport	2
	Animals used for scientific purposes	Law on the protection of animals used for scientific and teaching purposes; conscientious objection	2
	Veterinary medicinal products	Legislation on the use of veterinary medicinal products	2
	Companion animals	National law on the protection of companion animals and against stray animals; mention of the Emilia-Romagna region's law; law on the trade of companion animals	1
	Food safety	General overview of EU and national food safety rules	2

Practical lessons

Acquired knowledge and skills	Topic	Contents	Hours
<p>1. LABORATORY (3 HOURS)</p> <p>Work in groups under the Teacher's supervision</p>	Legal research of laws of veterinary relevance on the available databases	Use of paper and IT resources for legal research; structure and analysis of a legal text; description of EU and OIE IT systems in the field of animal health and welfare and food safety	3