

Titolo: Generative Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Rights: The Case of Copyright Law

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Credits / hours: 1 credit / 8 h

Language: Italian

Scheduling: II semester, Jul -Sep (14th – 15th July)

Final Exam: Oral

GOAL OF THE COURSE

The course aims to explore the intersection between generative artificial intelligence and copyright law, analyzing the legal, ethical, and technological challenges posed by AI-generated content. Students will gain a deep understanding of how copyright principles apply to machine-generated works, the implications for intellectual property rights holders, and the regulatory frameworks emerging in different jurisdictions.

Through case studies, legal analysis, and interactive discussions, participants will examine key topics such as fair use, originality, authorship, text and data mining exceptions, and liability issues related to AI-generated content. The course will also address ongoing debates on transparency, licensing models, and the future of copyright protection in the age of AI.

By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the knowledge to critically assess legal frameworks, anticipate challenges in AI copyright regulation, and contribute to policy discussions shaping this evolving field

REQUIREMENTS

The student must have basic knowledge of Artificial Intelligence.

INTERSECTION WITH OTHER COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAGLIARI

There is no significant intersection with other courses offered in the PhD programme DRIE1 and the Master's Degrees at UniCA.

COURSE OUTLINE

Topic 1. Generative AI and Copyright Law (4 hours – 14Tth July, 9:00 – 13:00)

- Historical evolution of copyright
- Key principles: originality, authorship, and rights holders

- International frameworks: EU Directive 2019/790 and Artificial Intelligence Act, US Copyright Act
- Text and data mining exceptions in Europe and the fair use principle in the US

Topic 2. Legal challenges in AI Training and Generated works (4 hours – 15th July, 9:00 – 13:00)

- Transparency and accountability in AI development
- Licensing Models for AI-Generated Works
- Hallucination and Platform Liability
- Legal cases and ongoing litigation