

The trafficking of fake goods is one of the largest problems for member states of the European Union, which have prepared legislation to fight the phenomena that is not always uniform between the various member countries.

The course proposes to face the interpretational problems that arise connected with incriminating rules aimed at fighting this phenomenon, that is showing new forms of transnational crime: for example the "new" false figures, connected to progress in the technique, with special attention paid to the so-called "computer fake" that is punished under our legislation by article 491 bis of the penal code, or material or ideological forgery which concern the so-called "computer documents".

Finally, we cannot be face the issue of the punishments connected with protecting "trademarks", and generally, intellectual property that provides controversial interpretational aspects.

The legislation concerning contraband and customs fraud will also be examined. These are frequently the crimes-means by which the purpose of illegal importation of fake goods is often achieved.

Problems relating to copyright and forgeries of works of art will also be addressed.

These are criminal phenomena that are now becoming notorious mainly due to the existing economic differences with Far Eastern countries.

Specific objectives: the course aims to assess the various legislative and investigative instruments used to fight these phenomena and to check the existing differences in EU legislation and existing legislations in member countries. It also aims to prepare common investigative technique through which a common, effective fight can be carried out.