

Civic Education as compulsory subject

Italy

DESCRIPTION

With Law No. 92/2019, **Civic Education becomes a compulsory subject in all schools in Italy, including State Vocational Institutes**. The Ministerial Decree 35/2020 made the regulatory provision operational from 2020-2021 school year.

The characteristics of this discipline are:

- **Transversality: the teaching of Civic Education is transversal across curricular disciplines** and each discipline contributes to the civic and social education of students;
- **Aims: the aim of this subject is to provide students with knowledge and understanding of social, economic, legal, civic and environmental systems**, with a focus on **promoting active and responsible citizenship**;
- **Contents: this subject covers different topics such as “Constitution, national and international law, legality and solidarity”; “Sustainable development, environmental education, knowledge and protection of heritage and territory”; “Digital Citizenship”;**
- **Coordination of activities: each class assigned a coordinator, a teacher identified by the Class Council.**

If a teacher qualified in the legal-economic disciplines is a member of the Class Council, they will be entrusted with the teaching of Civic Education. This does not exclude the involvement of other teachers responsible for the various learning objectives/outcomes, as defined in the planning by the respective Class Councils.

Law No. 92/2019 does not provide specific indications on the development of a Civic Education curriculum and does not define the criteria for the distribution of topics across the various years. **It is the responsibility of each individual school to integrate the contents of the new subject into their students’ curriculum.**