

FINES OF 15,000 EUROS FOR THOSE WHO ADVERTISE FAKE UNIVERSITIES OR QUALIFICATIONS

SANCIONES DE 15000.-EUROS A QUIENES ANUNCIAN FALSAS UNIVERSIDADES O TÍTULACIONES

Number 9 of the graphological training Decalogue highlights the care that must be taken when choosing courses.

Countries such as Spain, which have a tradition of graphological training at university level, have also had to suffer the problem of fake universities or centres that have unscrupulously advertised postgraduate courses in various countries. This has occurred in Italy with an association which was fined 12,000 euros, and has also happened in Spain this year with another centre which has been given a 15,000 Euro fine for advertising Masters that did not have academic recognition. The centre, association or publication (journal, newsletter, etc.) can be penalised for publicly advertising information or advertisements which cause a prospective student to falsely believe they will obtain a qualification, for example a Masters with ECTS, with the aggravating factor of adding, for example "European" Masters, as the prospective student may register for the course with false expectations. The European Union is clamping down on these abusive practices, as reflected by their legislation which has resulted in action by the Trade Offices and Consumer Protection Agencies in each of its Member States.

En el número 9 en el Decálogo de la formación grafológica, ya expusimos los cuidados que hay que tener para elegir cursos

Los países que tenemos tradición en formación universitaria grafológica también hemos tenido que padecer la lacra de falsas universidades o centros que sin escrúpulos han anunciado postgrados a nivel internacional, como ocurrió en Italia con una asociación que fue sancionada con 12000.-euros y actualmente en este año 2010 también ha ocurrido en España con otro centro que ha sido sancionado con 15000.-euros de multa por publicitar Master's no reconocidos por la universidad. Se considera punible por parte del centro, asociación o publicación (boletín, revista, etc.) el hecho de exponer públicamente una noticia o anuncio por el que el posible alumno piense que puede obtener un título por ejemplo a nivel de Master con ECTS sin serlo, con la agravante de añadir por ejemplo Master "Europeo" ya que la persona puede matricularse en dicho programa debido a una falsa expectativa. La Unión Europea persigue esas prácticas abusivas reflejadas en su legislación que han dado lugar a las actuaciones de las Agencias del Comercio o de Protección del Consumidor de cada uno de los Estados.

In news letters from different associations we have read advertisements that could fall under this category of offence. We therefore recommend that our colleagues in the ADEG take special care with their publications, as we must stress that it is not just the centre that may be penalised, but also those who advertise it.