

## Dipartimento di Economia e Finanza

**COURSE OF STUDY: DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS** 

**ACADEMIC YEAR: 2023-2024** 

**COURSE NAME: HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THEORIES** 

General information		
Year of the course	III year	
Academic calendar (starting and	First semester	
ending date)		
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	6 CFU	
SSD	Economic History (SECS-P/12)	
Language	Italian	
Mode of attendance	Optional. Lessons will take place face-to-face.	

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e.g., by appointment, on line,	
etc.)	

Work schedule Hours								
Total	Lectures	Hands-on groups, ser	(laboratory, ninars, field tri	• •	working	Out-of-cla hours/ hours		study study
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Learning Objectives	The course aims to provide a sufficiently broad picture of the most important
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	their evolution, in relation to the growth of the economy and the transformation
	of society. It intends to analyze the origins of political economy and the various
	schools of thought that have characterized the different historical periods, in the
	development phase and in periods of crisis. In addition to representing the
	economic context in which economic theories were placed, a comparative
	approach with recent theories and policies on the globalized world will be a
	constant theme, to allow for a conscious analysis and a correct interpretation of
	the phenomena they generate.
Course prerequisites	General knowledge of the central themes of political economy.

Teaching strategie	In addition to frontal teaching, seminars on in-depth topics are planned with the			
	involvement of students.			
Expected learning outcomes in	At the end of the course, the student will have to demonstrate that he has			
terms of	acquired a good knowledge of the evolution of the historical-economic			
	framework in which the main economic theories have developed. They must be			
	able to understand the evolutionary path, the specific contents and the			



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	differences of the various schools of thought and theories formulated, as well as show a satisfactory capacity for critical analysis and synthesis. Finally, you will have to present the topics covered by the course with an appropriate technical language, showing an ability for autonomous re-elaboration and interdisciplinary connections.
Knowledge and understanding on:	The student will have the opportunity to learn the evolutionary processes that have characterized economic thought in the modern and contemporary age.
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	To better understand the complexity of the ideas and vision of political economy, the student will be able to apply what he has learned through research and consultation of documentary sources also available on the web.
Soft skills	<ul> <li>Making informed judgments and choices         The student will be able to evaluate economic theories and develop a critical analysis of the factors and variables that have characterized their evolutionary process.         Communicating knowledge and understanding         The student will acquire a lexical and conceptual heritage essential for the presentation of the topics covered by the teaching.         </li> <li>Capacities to continue learning</li> <li>The student will experience a participatory teaching method focused on group work, and will develop the ability to learn and re-elaborate the contents of the</li> </ul>
	course independently and in an interdisciplinary way.
Syllabus	
Content knowledge	The program of the History of Economic Theories course concerns the evolution of economic theories in the modern and contemporary age (17th-20th centuries) and deals with the following topics: the origins of political economy – Mercantilism – Physiocracy – classical English and French political economy from Smith to Marx – transitional economists and J.S.Mill – the marginalist revolution the English School, the Austrian School, the Lausanne School – A. Marshall – J.M.Keynes – J. Schumpeter.
Texts and readings	Roncaglia A., <i>Breve storia del pensiero economico</i> , Roma-Bari, Laterza, 2016 (from p. 26 to p. 241).
Notes, additional materials	The additional teaching material concerns only attending students, who can use it for the purposes of the seminar activities.
Repository	The additional teaching material will be provided by the teacher during the course of the lessons.

Assessment	
Assessment methods	For students attending the course, the assessment of knowledge, analysis skills and autonomous re-elaboration of the topics covered takes place through two ongoing tests, structured with various types of items (multiple choice, correlation, etc.).
Assessment criteria	Failure to pass one or both of the tests does not affect the student's ability to attend the pre-established exam session and to face the oral exam, which will cover a part, or the entire program, if both tests are insufficient. In the case of passing the ongoing checks, the exam will be completed with a discussion on the contents of the course.
Final exam and grading criteria	The final evaluation will be the result of the average of the marks obtained in the above tests and in the seminar project carried out by the student during the course. For non-attending students, the exam includes an oral exam on the topics indicated in the course programme. The exam, only in the cases provided for by law and regulations, can also take place through the use of digital technologies. In this case, the procedures for carrying out the exam and assessing knowledge will be indicated on the personal page of the



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	professor and on the course portal. Based on the checks will be formulated an evaluation expressed in thirtieths.
Further information	