

COURSE OF STUDY: Economia e stategie per i mercati internazionali

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2023-2024

ACADEMIC SUBJECT: Public economics

General information	
Year of the course	2023- 2024
Academic calendar (starting	l semester (September-December 2023)
and ending date)	
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	6
SSD	SESCS P03
Language	italian
Mode of attendance	not compulsory

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Office Hours (and modalities:	At the end of lectures and by email appointment
e.g., by appointment, on line,	
etc.)	

Work schedule			
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
150	42		108
CFU/ETCS			
6			

Learning Objectives	The course provides students with advanced knowledge and methodological tools for understanding public economics as the theory and practice of public finance decisions.
Course prerequisites	The course requires a good knowledge of the basic concepts of microeconomics and public finance. In particular, the theory of market failures
	and public goods.

Teaching methods	The course includes lectures, tutorials and seminars on specific topics. During the face-to-face lectures, the lecturer mainly uses slides. The lectures and tutorials are aimed at enabling students to acquire analytical and methodological skills.
Expected learning outcomes in	
terms of	
Knowledge and understanding	The aim of the course is to enable students to develop analytical skills
on:	useful for understanding and applying the theoretical foundations of public
	finance decisions. The course is divided into two parts.
	The first part aims at the understanding and critical discussion of the
	fundamental subjects of the economic role of the state and its articulations in



	democratic systems.
	state in its relations with the processes of budgetary decision-making, will
	accompany the student in the investigation of market failures and benefit theory
	(normative and positive) of taxation within public finance and public choice.
Applying knowledge and	The range of practical and political implications of the theory of market failures
understanding on:	and public goods.
Soft skills	The lectures will enable students to develop critical thinking about the process of public finance decision-making.
Syllabus	1. The economic role of the state in historical perspective
	2. State and market.
	3. Positive and normative benefit theory of taxation: public finance and public choice
	4. The public budget decision process
Texts and readings	H.S. Rosen e T. Gayer, Scienza delle Finanze, McGrawHill, IV edizione, 2014 (capp. 3, 4); Stiglitz J., II ruolo economico dello stato, II Mulino, 1997; Liberati, P. e M. Paradiso, (2019), La teoria positiva del beneficio e la finanza democratica in una prospettiva storica, Rivista di diritto finanziario e scienza delle finanze, LXXVIII(2), 85-110; M. Paradiso, La mano visibile del bilancio nella finanza democratica, in AA.VV. Democrazia e bilancio pubblico, Napoli, ESI, pp. 365-386. Further materials and specific readings will be provided by the lecturer during the lectures.
Notes, additional materials	
Repository	The material provided during the lectures will also be available on teams

Assessment	
Assessment methods	Oral exams
Assessment criteria	The examination allows the teacher to check whether and to what extent students have acquired the analytical and methodological knowledge and skills set by the course. In particular, students are assessed in relation to the achievement (failure, partial or complete) of each of the expected learning outcomes. The programme contents all carry equal weight in the final assessment.
Final exam and grading criteria	The vote is awarded out of 30, with possible honors. The examination is passed when the mark is greater than or equal to 18.
Further information	