STATISTICAL SCIENCES

2023-24

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

General information	
Year of the course	*2023-24*
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	*February-June 2024*
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	6
SSD	*L-LIN/12 (English language and translation)*
Language	*English, Italian*
Mode of attendance	*Face to face lectures; online practice lessons*

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Work schedule			https://www.uniba.it/it/corsi/scienze-statistiche/studiare/didattica/orario-delle-lezioni	
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)		Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
150	*42*	*18*		*90*
CFU/ETCS				
6	*4*	*2*		

Learning Objectives	*Analysis of specialized business and statistics-related texts. Understanding and communicating textual contents in written and oral form. English grammar.*
Course prerequisites	*The minimum requirement is English B1*

Teaching strategies	*Lectures will allow students to practice their communication skills in English. Besides lectures, the course includes online practice lessons with Dr. Palazzo (caterinaclaudia.palazzo@uniba.it).*
Expected learning outcomes in terms of	
Knowledge and understanding on:	o Specialized concepts and terminology concerning business, statistics, probability, and randomness o English grammar
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	o Studying the texts in the program will provide students with logical-analytical tools to apply acquired knowledge to the workplace or to subsequent levels of specialization. Students will also be able to read, understand and autonomously select a scientific article of statistics,

	summarize it in written and oral form, and express a personal view.

Soft skills	• At the end of the course students will be able to:
	    ○ communicate effectively in English in written and oral form about topics related to business, statistics, probability and randomness.
	    ○ understand and apply grammar rules.
	• Students will develop the ability to effectively communicate what they have learned and express their own opinions.
	• By the end of the course, students will have acquired the ability to continue studying independently.

Syllabus	
Content knowledge	*The program is divided into three parts.* *- Business English.* *- Statistics: statistics vocabulary and topics.* *- Randomness: study of random processes and their relevance in the social and individual spheres.*
Texts and readings	• *Business Result Intermediate Student's Book with Online Practice, second edition, John Hughes and Jon Naunton, Oxford University Press (units 1-7).* • *Mlodinow, Leonard. The Drunkard's Walk. How Randomness Rules Our Lives. Vintage Books. New York 2009 (Prologue, ch. 1, 3, 7, 8, 10).* • *https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Beginners:Statistical_concepts* • *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0sLuRsu1Do*
Notes, additional materials	• *http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-italian* • *http://www.wordreference.com* • *course slides* • *Murphy, Raymond. English Grammar in Use. With answers. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 2016 (non-compulsory text, recommended for self-study)*
Repository	*Guidelines for the preparation of the project work.* *Further compulsory teaching material will be available on Teams (Dr. Palazzo).*

Assessment	
Assessment methods	*Assessment methods include a grammar test and an oral interview. The interview is designed to verify oral skills (listening, speaking) as well as the ability to analyse and understand specialized texts.* *Written skills are assessed by drafting a short paper (so called "project work"), preparatory to the oral exam, on a topic statistical in nature to be agreed upon individually with prof. Gaudio (for further details, see the guidelines). The project work, already corrected and revised by the linguistic expert Dr. Palazzo, must be sent via email to Prof. Gaudio (Dr. Palazzo in cc) at least five days before the date of the exam. You are required to use your institutional email account (@studenti.uniba.it).*
Assessment criteria	• *Grammar test* • *Knowledge and understanding of the texts in the programme* • *Applying knowledge and understanding to the preparation of the project work* • *Autonomy of judgment and critical reasoning in interpreting statistics-related texts* • *Communication skills (speaking, writing, reading, listening)* • *Critical thinking skills*
Final exam and grading criteria	*Pass or fail. Upon request, the assessment can be expressed in grades (minimum pass grade is 18/30). However, grades for this exam will not be*

	computed in the final graduation score.
Further information	