

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

### **SYLLABUS DEL CORSO**

## Economia Politica

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### Learning objectives

Students learn about macroeconomic principles, data analysis and knowledge of the main economic indicators. Students learn about macroeconomic problems and policy instruments for resolving economic slowdowns.

#### **Contents**

The classical approach: the economy in the long run

Microfundations of macroeconomics

**Growth theory** 

**Business cycles** 

Current debates in macroeconomics and policy intervention

# **Detailed program**

Introduction (ch. 1, 2)
-Fundamentals of macroeconomics
-Macroeconomic data
Classical theory and the long-run
- national Income and GDP (ch. 3)
- Money (ch. 4)
- Inflation (ch. 5)
- Open economy (ch. 6) - Unemployment (ch. 7)
The microeconomic foundations of macroeconomics
- Consumption (ch. 18)
- Investment (ch. 19)
- The financial system (ch. 20)
Theory of growth
- Capital accumulation and population growth (ch. 8)
Business cycles

- Economic cycles (ch. 10)
- Aggregate demand and IS-LM (ch. 11 e 12)
- Open ecoomy and exchange rate regimes (ch. 13)
- The inflation/unemplyment trade-off (ch. 14)
- Stabilization policies (ch. 15)
- Public debt (ch.16)
- Optimal currency areas and the EMU (ch. 17)

### **Prerequisites**

**Public Economics** 

### **Teaching methods**

Lectures complemented by on-line material.

### **Assessment methods**

Written exam

### **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

N.G. Mankiw, M.P. Taylor, Macroeconomia, Zanichelli, 2015

US edition: Macroeconomics, Worth Publishers, NY, 2014.