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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Politiche Economiche - 1

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#### Learning area

#### Learning objectives



The course aims at equipping the student with the knowledge required to understand the formation economic policies and their main consequences.

#### Contents

The course deals with the foundations and limits of economic policy and examines the main area of policy intervention from a normative and political economy perspective.

A primer on Economic Policy

Economic Policy in a imperfect world

Budgetary Policy

Monetary Policy

Growth policies

Tax policy

## **Detailed program**

A primer on Economic Policy

- What do policymakers do?
- The whys of public intervention
- The three functions of Economic Policy
- Economic Policy evaluation

Economic Policy in a imperfect world

- The limits of Economic Policy
- The limits of knowledge
- The limits of Information
- The limits of benevolence
- Interdependencies
- International policy coordination

Budgetary Policy

- An historical perspective
- Theories
- Debt sustainability
- Fiscal rules
- Eurozone budgetary policy

Monetary Policy

- What do central bankers do?
- The objectives of monetary policies
- The institutions of monetary policies

- Central banks as lenders of last resort
- Eurozone monetary policy

#### Growth policies

- Five stylized facts
- Theories
- A roadmap
- Improving institutions
- Investing in education and innovation
- Increasing labour supply
- Making markets work better
- Developing and regulating financial markets
- Choosing priorities

#### Tax policy

- The main ideas
- Tax incidence in a specific market
- Tax incidence in general equilibrium
- Efficiency vs. Equity: optimum taxation
- Corrective taxation
- Taxation in open economy
- Distributing the tax burden efficiently
- Distributing the tax burden equitably

### **Prerequisites**

Microeconomics and Economic History, Macroeconomics

### **Teaching methods**

Lectures in the classroom

## **Assessment methods**

The economic policy test is composed of 5 questions, of which 4 are in closed form with detailed motivation required and 1 is an open question. In the economic policy test, the closed form questions carry 4 points; the open question carries 16 points.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

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