UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Social Policies - A-L

2021-1-E1901R119-AL

Course title

SOCIAL SERVICES POLICIES - A-L

Topics and course structure

The course aims to provide general notions regarding Social Policies and Welfare State, in particular by deepening the following aspects:

- the historical evolutionary perspective;
- the description and contextualization of the main phases of development of the Welfare State;
- the theories for the analysis of the Welfare State;
- the definition of the main empirical approaches;
- the transformations of work and the effects on social policies;
- focus on the Italian case;
- the demographic dimension and changes in family structures;
- welfare models and schemes;
- the areas of intervention of social policies;

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Objectives

The course aims to offer students the conceptual and analytical tools necessary for the study and understanding of social policies that directly and indirectly condition and integrate with the work of an educator.

Specifically, the course aims to provide:

- the theoretical notions in order to identify the historical development, the characteristics and the target population of the main social policies, as well as the economic and social macro-factors that condition their development and functioning;
- the analytical and critical competencies to be able to judge the effectiveness and efficiency of social policies in terms of satisfaction of needs, justice, and cost-benefit ratio;
- the skills to be able to identify the specific needs of certain sectors of the population and to trace them back to appropriate social policies.

Methodologies

The methodologies used during the course will be as follows:

- frontal lessons, with the aim of providing students with a common level of knowledge on the main theoretical aspects;
- interventions of professionals and scholars working in the field of specific social policies, in order to deepen the knowledge of the professional contexts in which graduates of educational sciences will be able to operate.
- online activities and paper

In the Covid-19 emergency period, the lessons will be held remotely asynchronously with synchronous video conferencing events.

Online and offline teaching materials

The books and articles are all available in digital format at the University Library.

Programme and references for attending students

The program to study for the exam is as follows:

- Ferrera, M.(a cura di), (2019) *Le politiche sociali,* Il Mulino – Terza edizione.
- Ichino, P. (2015). *Il lavoro ritrovato,* Mondadori.

And three to choose from among the following articles:

- Simona Piattoni “Lo stile di policy del governo Renzi” (doi: 10.1483/82946). Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche (ISSN 1722-1137) Fascicolo 1, Aprile 2016. Il Mulino-Rivisteweb
- Marcello Natili “Schemi regionali di reddito minimo tra sviluppi di policy e dinamiche di politics. I casi di Friuli Venezia Giulia e Lazio” (doi: 10.1483/82950). Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche (ISSN: 1722-1137). Fascicolo 1, Aprile 2016. Il Mulino-Rivisteweb
- Maurizio Ferrera “In mezzo al guado. Lo stil novo di Renzi e le politiche per il lungo periodo” (doi: 10.1483/82948). Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche (ISSN: 1722-1137). Fascicolo 1, Aprile 2016. Il Mulino-Rivisteweb.

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Programme and references for non-attending students

The program to study for the exam is as follows:

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Assessment methods

The exam will consist in writing a short thesis on topics agreed upon during the lessons and then published on the course page, and possibly in an oral interview on the topics covered in class.

Element of evaluation will be the knowledge and mastery of sociological vocabulary and the ability to argue different paradigms and political perspectives.

Office hours

On appointment.

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Programme validity

2 academic years

Course tutors and assistants