UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Competition Policies

2122-3-E3301M197-E3301M202M

Learning objectives

The course offers a rigorous introduction to competition policy.

Contents

The course focuses on markets that are not perfectly competitive. Firms' strategic behavior is analyzed along with its effects on the market and social welfare. Primary emphasis is placed on the study of antitrust policy as an instrument for mitigating the negative effects of market power.

Methodologically the course features a combination of:

1) Theoretical/Quantitative analysis of economic models

2) Discussion of examples and case studies.

Detailed program

1. Competition policy: History, objectives and the law

2. Market power and welfare

3. Market definition and assessment of market power

4. Collusion

5. Horizontal agreements

6. Vertical agreements

7. Abusive practices and antitrust policy

Prerequisites

Basic microeconomics

Teaching methods

Class lectures

Assessment methods

Written exam. The exam combines both conceptual as well as quantitative exercises.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

1) Lecture slides

2) M. Motta, M. Polo, Antitrust: Economia e Politica della Concorrenza, il Mulino, 2005.

Semester

Academic year 2021-22, Second semester, After Industrial Economics

Teaching language

Italian