



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociology of Organizations

2122-3-E4001N093

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Introduction to the study and the application of sociological tools for the analysis of organizations.

Applying knowledge and understanding

Understanding and analysing different organizational systems.

Contents

Introduction to the fundamentals of sociology of labour and organization, in order to lead the students in the understanding of the organizations and of the labour they involve.

Detailed program

Classes will introduce the fundamental concepts provided by the sociology of organization.

In the first part, we will discuss the meaning and definition of "organization" in contemporary society, then focussing

on some of the central themes in the analysis of organizations, such as organizational structures, the systems theory of organizations, power, technology, organizational culture.

In the second part, we will focus on inter-organizational networks (definitions, analytical framework, empirical cases).

Classes will involve presentations, case studies, and exercises.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge in sociology.

Teaching methods

Lectures and research.

Assessment methods

Written examination.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

- Pichierri A., "Sociologia dell'organizzazione", Laterza, 2011 (except chapter 2, 5 e 10)
- Pacetti V., Pichierri A. "Le reti organizzative", Laterza, 2021

Erasmus students are asked to contact me by e-mail for a reading list in English.
