



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Introduction to sustainability

2122-DOTT-MOD13

Title

Introduction to sustainability

Teacher(s)

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Language

English

Short description

The aim of the course is to provide a transdisciplinary introduction to the concepts of sustainability.

1. Concept of sustainability (1 hour)
2. The Anthropocene epoch (1 hour)
3. Scientific approaches to sustainability (from thermodynamics to ecology) (1 hour)
4. Ecosystem services and Ecological Footprint evaluation (1 hour)
5. Sustainability in social sciences (1 hour)
6. Promoting sustainability through behavioral interventions (1 hour)
7. Social justice and social inclusion (1 hour)

8. Research topics and research opportunities in social sciences (1 hour)
9. "The (un)sustainable consequences of current urbanization and transport system" (2 hours)
10. Sustainability and research (2 hours)

Short discussion of students (to organize/reading different papers about this theme and presenting some output) (4 hours)

Target audience: PhD students with not specific knowledge or skills in sustainability sciences, but that are interested in understanding how a transdisciplinary approach can leverage the change of paradigm needed to match sustainability goals.

Participants (min/max): 5-50

The course style will be process-oriented and interactive. Theoretical inputs will be followed by exercises, partner work, role-plays, case studies and group-work, when appropriate. Each lesson will have focus on specific topic, with hooks with all the others. The language and the level of details will be tailored to the specific needs of the actual audience; in case of lack of basic elements or knowledge, these will be provided either by the lecturer or by providing PhD students with specific documents. During the lessons participants will receive references to the literature needed and vision papers, as well as suggestions of relevant platforms and websites that can be useful.

CFU / Hours

CFU: 2

Hours: 16

Teaching period

30/11/2021	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	room U7-08
02/12/2021	9.30 am - 11.30 am	room U1-13
13/12/2021	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	room U1-12
	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	room U1-12
24/01/2022	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	room U3-11
25/01/2022	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	room U1-12
26/01/2022	9.30 am - 11.30 am	room U4-05
27/01/2022	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm	room U3-11

