



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Ict and Business Modeling

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#### Aims

The course aims to provide the student with professional knowledge and skills regarding:

- Analysis of the main functions in the organization and management of a company
  - Reading and interpretation of a company's financial documents.
  - Marketing data analytics techniques based on Machine Learning
  - Analysis of specific problems with the development of data analytics applications in Python
  - Design and implementation of applications in Python by Recommender Systems
- In the laboratory the student will acquire Python skills for data modeling and computational aspects of business analytics.
- Focus of the lab will be:
- analysis of specific problems and presentation of specific data sets
  - development of machine learning applications for marketing data analysis in Python
  - validation and evaluation of results.

#### Contents

The course is divided into four modules:

1. Organization and business management
2. Data analysis and machine learning techniques applied to marketing
3. Recommender systems
4. Exercises and laboratory: implementation of applications in Python on specific problems

## Detailed program

**\*\*1 . \* Organization and business management \*\*\***

- Elements of economics and business organization
- How to read the financial statements of a company
- Elements of corporate finance

### **2. *Data analysis and machine learning techniques applied to marketing***

- Product / Consumer analytics
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Data processing: introduction to the main machine learning techniques for marketing data analysis (eg regression, classification, clustering)

### **3. *Recommender systems***

- The main types of recommender systems: collaborative based and content based
- Rating matrix and sparsity problems
- Main algorithms: KNN, matrix factorization
- Optimization elements for recommender systems

### **4. *Esercitazioni e laboratorio***

#### **4.1 *Analysis of specific problems in the marketing field***

- Presentation and discussion of specific cases of marketing problems
- Preparation and visualization of the data: Business Intelligence (BI) and Data Modeling in the company environment

#### **4.2 *Laboratorio: sviluppo di applicativi in Python***

- Introduction to Python
- Exploratory / descriptive analysis of datasets related to marketing problems
- Application development of machine learning in Python

## Prerequisites

## Teaching form

The training activity will be divided into:

- *lectures* : in which the topics related to points 1,2 and 3 will be presented.
- *exercises and laboratories* : in which the topics of marketing data analytics will be explored with development in Python of specific applications with real data. These activities will be preparatory to the setting up and development of the project which will consist in the creation of a recommendation system. (recommender systems).

The course will be delivered in *Italian language* \*

## Textbook and teaching resource

During the lessons the following didactic material will be made available:

- Slides created by the teachers
- Additional material eg. links to news, forums, specific web resources on the topics covered in class

## Semester

First semester

## Assessment method

- **Traditional:** oral exam at the end of the course that focuses on the topics covered in class by the two teachers. The oral exam regarding the topics of points 1,2 and 3 will not be required for students who have passed the intermediate test.
- **Intermediate Check:** (mid-December): the test consists of a test with a set of questions (maximum 10) with open answers regarding the topics presented in points 1, 2 and 3 . Each question will be associated with a score, from 3 to 5. The student can answer any number of questions. The evaluation of the partial will be expressed through a quali-quantitative judgment: Insufficient [ $<18$ ], Sufficient [ $18-> 22$ ], Good [ $23-> 26$ ], Excellent [ $27-> 30$ ], Top [ $> 30$ ]

## Laboratory Project in Python:

The project is divided into:

- Implementation of an application in Python for the analysis of marketing data
- Report
- Oral discussion of the project using a set of slides

Delivery times will be communicated on Moodle

## Office hours

The two instructors are available for meet students or immediately after the lectures or setting up a meeting anytime in office hours by email.

## Sustainable Development Goals

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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