



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Competition Policies

2223-3-E3301M197-E3301M202M

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#### 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**

Second semester, After Industrial Organization

## **Teaching language**

Italian

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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