

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### **Advanced Microeconomics**

2223-2-F8204B037-F8204B038M

#### Learning area

Microeconomics

#### Learning objectives

The course objective is twofold. First, it aims to introduce students to the advanced tools of microeconomics, with a specific attention to game theory. Furthermore, it aims to show how to apply these tools to the analysis of market structures, under several strategic and/or informative environments.

#### Contents

The course introduces the main elements of non-cooperative game theory in a setting of complete information (both static and dynamic games). The game theoretical tools are then used to discuss the main models of industrial economics (oligopoly, collusion and product differentiation).

#### **Detailed program**

- ? Static games
- ? Static models of oligopoly

- ? Dynamic games
- ? Dynamic models of oligopoly
- ? Repeated games
- ? Collusion
- ? Horizontal and vertical product differentiation

#### Prerequisites

Microeconomics M

#### **Teaching methods**

The course will be composed by lectures, classes and some team work.

During COVID-19 pandemic, all lessons will be operated remotely with distance learning procedures (simultaneous online transmission in synchronous mode and for some classes also asynchronous). There will be some in-class lessons.

#### **Assessment methods**

The exam will verify (i) knowledge of the material (proofs and theoretical models); (ii) analytical ability to apply the material (exercises); (iii) economic intuition and ability to use models to comment on economics cases. Students will be allowed to give an oral presentation of a team work at the end of the course. The performance of the presentation will contribute to the final mark. The team work is not compulsory.

#### **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

? Church J. and R. Ware (2000), Industrial Organization. A strategic Approach, first edition, McGraw-Hill. (disponibile gratuitamente, <u>https://works.bepress.com/jeffrey\_church/23/</u>)

? Mas-Colell A., M.D. Whinston and J. Green (1995), Microeconomic theory, Oxford University Press.

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION