



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Microeconomics - 2

2324-1-E1803M113-T2

Learning objectives

The course is an introduction to the principal topics of microeconomics, in particular the neoclassical theory of consumer and firm choice. Special attention will be given to the functioning of markets, with varying degrees of competition. Finally, the course will examine the main types of market failure.

At the end of the course students will master basic concepts of economic theory, mostly in microeconomic analysis and will own the tools needed to understand daily occurrences and individual economic dynamics.

Contents

Introduction: What is economics about?

The consumer and the firm: the reasoning behind consumer and firm choice

Competition, monopoly and strategic interaction: The way that markets function

Market failures

Detailed program

INTRODUCTION

1. Economic analysis

2. Supply and demand

THE CONSUMER

3. Consumer preferences and the concept of utility
4. Consumer choice
5. Demand theory

THE FIRM

6. Production theory
- Cost and cost minimization
8. Cost curves

COMPETITION, MONOPOLY AND STRATEGIC INTERACTION

9. Perfect competition
10. Competitive markets: Applications
11. Monopoly
 12. Price discrimination and advertising
 13. Game theory and strategic interaction
 14. Market structure and competition

SOME MARKET FAILURES

15. Choice under uncertainty
16. Externalities and public goods

Prerequisites

Sufficient educational skills in logic, culture and reasonable capacities in learning, writing and communication.

Teaching methods

Lectures, individual and group exercises, weekly student receptions and home research and gaming to learn.

Assessment methods

There will be a written exam. Students can divide the final exam in two midterm exams. Each exam is divided in two parts. The former is a multiple choices test. The latter are open questions.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Microeconomia 4/ed

Bernheim and Whinston. (edizione italiana a cura di Ivan Moscati).

McGrawHill editore.

Semester

Second semester

Teaching language

Italian

Sustainable Development Goals
