



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Internal Audit

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#### Learning objectives

The course is aimed at illustrating the general principles and concepts of internal control activity and, specifically, the methodologies and operational techniques specific to Internal auditing activities, as a qualifying element of corporate governance as well as the internal control activity carried out by the Board of Statutory Auditors.

#### Contents

The course proposes a framework for the concept of internal control system within the broader concept of control governance, to then focus on the constituent and characterizing elements of internal controls as identified by international best practices.

After having analyzed the Italian reference legislation for corporate internal controls, the teaching activity focuses on the topic of internal auditing, outlining the professional profiles and typical operational tools also with specific reference to the control activities carried out by the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The following topics will be explored in depth during the course: the professional standards of reference, the methodological approaches typical of internal auditing; the corporate risk management models, the application methods of the organisation, management and control models pursuant to Legislative Decree 231 of 2001, as far as it is linked to the risk assessment activity of which internal auditors are often protagonists

#### Detailed program

1. Corporate governance, internal control system and internal auditing
  - Evolution of Corporate Governance and Internal Control
  - National and international regulatory framework of reference
  - Civil provisions regarding Internal Control

- Legislative Decree 231/01: Code of Ethics and Responsibility of legal entities and ODV
  - Law n. 262 of 28 December 2005: provisions for the protection of savings and the regulation of financial markets
  - Self-discipline code of Borsa Italiana SpA
  - International regulations: Sarbanes Oxley Act (Sox) and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
2. The International Principles of Internal Auditing: the CoSO Report
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  - The Co.S0- 1992: the elements constituting the internal control system
  - ERM-CoSO Report 2004
  - CoSO Report Updated 2013: the 17 Internal Standards
  - CoSO Report Updated 2017
  - The Internal Control System to support Risk Assessment
3. The control activities carried out by the Board of Statutory Auditors
- The Board of Auditors in the Italian governance system.
  - Historical evolution of the role of the Board of Auditors
  - The Board of Auditors: regulatory reference framework pursuant to the Civil Code
  - The control structure of the Board of Statutory Auditors.
  - The relationship between the Auditors and the other Company Control subjects

## Prerequisites

Having passed the exam of: Financial statements of companies and groups

## Teaching methods

The course includes in-person lessons carried out in delivery mode (28h). During the lessons, moments of concrete examples of the company functions of the internal auditing activity are also provided (lessons carried out in delivery mode) (4h)

In order to support the methodological approaches provided, company cases and testimonies from professional operators are provided during the course (3h)

## Assessment methods

Oral exam. Interview on the topics covered in class

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

R. Provasi, Le dinamiche evolutive del Sistema di Controllo Interno. Dalle origini al Framework CoSO ERM 2017, Giappichelli Editore, maggio 2020, ISBN 9788892133358, pp-1-209

## **Semester**

second semester

## **Teaching language**

italian

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE | CLIMATE ACTION

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