



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Contemporary History

2526-1-E4002N003

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#### Learning objectives

The course provides an overview of contemporary history (Italian, European, and international) and the tools necessary for a critical understanding of the main social, economic, political, and cultural issues of the contemporary era.

#### Knowledge and understanding

Students will acquire a solid knowledge of the key events, processes, actors, and transformations that have shaped contemporary history. They will develop a critical understanding of political, social, economic, and cultural contexts, drawing on both primary sources and historiographical interpretations.

#### Applying knowledge and understanding

Students will be able to apply historical knowledge to analyze complex phenomena, interpret documentary sources, and place events within broader historical frameworks. They will also demonstrate the ability to connect historical understanding with current issues.

#### Making judgements

Students will develop independent and critical thinking skills, enabling them to evaluate different historiographical perspectives, assess the reliability of sources and arguments, and reflect on the role of historical narratives in shaping memory, identity, and public discourse.

#### Communication skills

Students will be able to express historical knowledge and arguments clearly and coherently, both orally and in writing, using appropriate terminology. They will be capable of summarizing complex texts and presenting well-structured interpretations to audiences with varying levels of expertise.

## **Learning skills**

Students will demonstrate the ability to pursue further study in history and related fields independently, using bibliographic tools, primary sources, databases, and digital resources. They will be able to critically follow historiographical debates and understand the relevance of history for interpreting contemporary society.

## **Contents**

Italian, european and international history in the twentieth century: politics, culture and society.

## **Detailed program**

## **Prerequisites**

Students need to be familiar with the main elements of Italian and international contemporary history.

## **Teaching methods**

Lecture

## **Assessment methods**

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

QUALITY EDUCATION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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