



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Social Demography (mobility and Migration)

2627-3-E4102B026

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#### Learning objectives

The course offers the tools to study the migratory flows, their characteristics and push and pull factors. Moreover, the course focuses on the key measures and techniques used in studying illegal people on our national territory.

This course will provide *knowledge and understanding* of: definition of target population, sources (official or sample), identification of research questions and appropriate covariates

At the end of the course the students will be able to:

- Choose the appropriate sources and indicators to analyze a migration phenomenon; Define appropriate research questions to analyze the mobility phenomenon (*Applying knowledge and understanding; making judgements*)
- Interpret the results obtained in a migration context (*Communication skills*)

The course allows to acquire a solid basis in the application of statistics to the demographic work context. (*Learning skills*)

#### Contents

- Data sources
- Sampling designs
- History of migrations
- Theories of international migration
- Estimate of the size of immigrants
- The Italian case

## Detailed program

- Mobility and migration definitions
- Data Sources
- Capture-recapture sampling
- Snowball sampling
- Housing units Sampling Technique
- Centers sampling Technique
- Randomized responses sampling
- Migrations in modern societies
- International and internal migration: the Italian case
- Phases, cycles and types
- Theories on migrations
- Integration: dimension and indicators
- Irregular foreigners estimating Methods
- Migratory stock and inflow: the Italian case

## Prerequisites

Demography

## Teaching methods

Lectures and laboratory (SPSS)

Teaching with face-to-face hours and laboratory activities:

- 10-12 lectures (21 h approx.) delivered in face-to-face delivery mode
- 10-12 (approx. 21 hrs) laboratory activities carried out in face-to-face interactive mode

## Assessment methods

Attending students: the exam consists in the discussion of an agreed paper and discussion of the topics covered during classes

Not attending students: the exam consists of an oral test in order to evaluate the methodological preparation and the knowledge of the phenomenon.

The oral examination is designed to assess knowledge of the various aspects of the migration phenomenon and students' ability to express themselves using appropriate technical terminology. Evaluation is based on the accuracy, completeness, and quality of the reasoning provided in the responses.

No interim assessments are planned.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

- C. Bonifazi, L'Italia delle migrazioni, Il Mulino, 2013
- M. Ambrosini, Sociologia delle migrazioni, Il Mulino, 2020. Excluding: cap III, par. 3-6; cap V; Part Four (cap. X, XI e XII)
- World Migration Report 2026, IOM:

<https://publications.iom.int/books/world-migration-report-2026>

Teaching material made available during the lessons on e-learning (slides, reports, papers, etc)

## **Semester**

I semester II cycle

## **Teaching language**

Italian

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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