



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Sociologia e Analisi del Rischio

2627-1-F8805N029

Learning objectives

Knowledge and Understanding

The course aims to convey, on the one hand, the interpretative models that have emerged in the social sciences on the topic of risk, linked to the transformations in its definition, perception, and communication; and, on the other hand, the main strategies for analysing the dimension of risk in contemporary social contexts.

Applying Knowledge and Understanding

Students will be able to apply theoretical and methodological tools to analyse the dimension of risk in contemporary societies, working also on case studies and examples.

Making Judgements

The course develops students' critical abilities in identifying and justifying the adoption of different theoretical and methodological approaches, in relation to various types of risk and specific social contexts.

Communication Skills

Students will acquire the specialised language of the sociology of risk, necessary to clearly and effectively present analyses and reflections in both academic and professional contexts.

Learning Skills

The course fosters the development of skills useful for independently deepening topics and perspectives related to the sociology of risk, encouraging critical learning.

Contents

The central themes of the course are the different approaches used to analyse and understand the dimension of risk in contemporary societies, as a structuring dimension of relational dynamics and decision-making processes. The course addresses the mechanisms of definition, perception, representation and communication of risk in

relation to processes of social change, also focusing on the main approaches used to investigate this dimension in different areas of social life.

Detailed program

The course aims to provide students with concepts and tools for understanding and analysing risk in contemporary social realities.

Specifically, the course is organised into five parts:

- I) Main theoretical approaches to the study of the risk in the social sciences;
- II) Key concepts related to risk dimension;
- III) Methodology and techniques for analysing risk in different spheres of social life;
- IV) Introduction to the processes and mechanisms of risk communication;
- V) Empirical studies on the definition and management of risks.

Prerequisites

No prerequisites.

Teaching methods

The course consists, approximately, of 75% lectures (with slides and video materials) and 25% interactive learning activities (small-group work, presentations and discussions of case studies). All classes are conducted in a face-to-face format. During the course, the active participation of students in teaching activities is encouraged.

Assessment methods

Students will be assessed through an individual oral examination based on the reference texts.

The assessment criteria are:

1. correct use of language - appropriate use of terms;
2. accuracy in the logical exposition of the arguments;
3. ability to make connections between the various topics;
4. completeness of exposition.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Course handout by the instructor.

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | REDUCED INEQUALITIES
