



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Culture e società
<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	2019/2020
<b>MASTER'S DEGREE (MSC)</b>	SOCIAL WORK AND POLICIES
<b>SUBJECT</b>	LOCAL POLITICS AND WELFARE SYSTEMS
<b>TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY</b>	B
<b>AMBIT</b>	50625-Discipline politiche, economiche e statistiche
<b>CODE</b>	17975
<b>SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)</b>	SPS/04
<b>HEAD PROFESSOR(S)</b>	MACALUSO MARILENA Professore Associato Univ. di PALERMO
<b>OTHER PROFESSOR(S)</b>	
<b>CREDITS</b>	6
<b>INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)</b>	120
<b>COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)</b>	30
<b>PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS</b>	
<b>MUTUALIZATION</b>	
<b>YEAR</b>	2
<b>TERM (SEMESTER)</b>	2° semester
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Not mandatory
<b>EVALUATION</b>	Out of 30
<b>TEACHER OFFICE HOURS</b>	<b>MACALUSO MARILENA</b> Tuesday 11:15 13:15 Solo su prenotazione attraverso il portale Unipa: Stanza 202 ed. 15 oppure Piattaforma Teams (da precisare in via di prenotazione).

**DOCENTE:** Prof.ssa MARILENA MACALUSO

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	Knowledge of political science, sociological and legal acquired with the three-year degree.
<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>	<p>Knowledge and understanding: the specific approach of political science to the study of "local politics" allows the understanding of the actual and empirical operation of the local dimension of politics, that is the way in which local institutions and political and social actors interact in local governance, particularly in the context of welfare systems.</p> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding: this approach provides the ability to read the territory and the socio-political dynamics operating in it, enabling operators to act consciously and critically within public and private complex organizations that oversee social policies.</p> <p>Independent assessment: the acquisition of a wealth of knowledge and analytical tools necessary to a critical approach to the understanding of local politics contributes to the ability to independently assess and intervene creatively in the different circumstances and different problems in the various fields of social intervention.</p> <p>Communication skills: the acquisition of the ability to interpret and explain the different phenomena and the results of empirical research in the field of local politics enriches the communication skills of the graduates, enabling them to interact in different ways with the many actors involved, in various capacities, in the local welfare governance.</p> <p>Learning skills: this approach, based on the link between theoretical studies and empirical analyzes, gives students the knowledge, the analysis tools and the critical skills required for further specialization in themes and design tasks, management and evaluation in the fields of social policies.</p>
<b>ASSESSMENT METHODS</b>	<p>Oral examination: the candidate will have to answer at least to four questions on all parts of the syllabus, with reference to the recommended texts. The final examination consists in the assessment of the knowledge and understanding of the topics, the interpretative competence, the ability to make an independent evaluation and the communication skills. The pass mark will be reached if the student shows knowledge and understanding of the subjects at least in general terms. The rating scale will increase in proportion to the more detailed knowledge, the ability to interpret, explain and discuss acquired by the student. The assessment is carried out of thirty. Sufficient levels of knowledge and communication skill will allow passing the exam (18-20), increasing levels of knowledge and skill will allow to receive a gradually progressively higher mark: satisfactory (21-24), good (25-26), very good (27-29), excellent (30 and 30 cum laude).</p>
<b>EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Knowledge and tools of political science and political sociology to understand local politics in its various aspects: the power in the community, the territorial The aim of the course is to contribute to the specialist training social workers in the territory, providing the subcultures, the clientelism and corruption, the center-periphery conflicts, the regionalist parties, the urban movements, the local government institutions and the public policies. The critical reading skills of the socio-political dynamics in the territory allow social workers to intervene appropriately in the governance of the welfare system, which is now experiencing a reconfiguration process around the local dimension and to a pluralist system.</p>
<b>TEACHING METHODS</b>	Lectures and seminars (reports entrusted to the students and guided discussions).
<b>SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>	1) D. Della Porta, La politica locale, Bologna, il Mulino, 2006; 2) M. Macaluso, M. Siino, G. Tumminelli, "Seconde generazioni", identità e partecipazione politica, Milano, FrancoAngeli, 2020.

## SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
3	Local politics: definitions and relevance.
3	The debate on local power.
3	Local political cultures.
3	Clientelism, corruption and organized crime.
3	The conflict structure between center and periphery.
3	Participation and urban movements.
3	The local government institutions.
3	Public policy and local power: from government to governance.
6	"Second generations" in Italy, identity and political participation