



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

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| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>                   | Scienze Economiche, Aziendali e Statistiche                                                  |                      |                  |
| <b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>                | 2022/2023                                                                                    |                      |                  |
| <b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BSC)</b>      | ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION                                                        |                      |                  |
| <b>SUBJECT</b>                      | POLITICAL ECONOMICS                                                                          |                      |                  |
| <b>TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY</b> | A                                                                                            |                      |                  |
| <b>AMBIT</b>                        | 50064-Economico                                                                              |                      |                  |
| <b>CODE</b>                         | 02796                                                                                        |                      |                  |
| <b>SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)</b>         | SECS-P/01                                                                                    |                      |                  |
| <b>HEAD PROFESSOR(S)</b>            | MODICA SALVATORE                                                                             | Professore Ordinario | Univ. di PALERMO |
| <b>OTHER PROFESSOR(S)</b>           |                                                                                              |                      |                  |
| <b>CREDITS</b>                      | 9                                                                                            |                      |                  |
| <b>INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)</b>       | 145                                                                                          |                      |                  |
| <b>COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)</b>        | 80                                                                                           |                      |                  |
| <b>PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS</b>      | 04897 - GENERAL MATHEMATICS                                                                  |                      |                  |
| <b>MUTUALIZATION</b>                |                                                                                              |                      |                  |
| <b>YEAR</b>                         | 1                                                                                            |                      |                  |
| <b>TERM (SEMESTER)</b>              | 2° semester                                                                                  |                      |                  |
| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>                   | Not mandatory                                                                                |                      |                  |
| <b>EVALUATION</b>                   | Out of 30                                                                                    |                      |                  |
| <b>TEACHER OFFICE HOURS</b>         | <b>MODICA SALVATORE</b><br>Monday 13:00 14:00<br>Wednesday 13:00 14:00<br>Friday 13:00 14:00 |                      |                  |

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| <b>PREREQUISITES</b>          | tangent lines and linear approximation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>      | Knowledge of basic economic models necessary to understanding the functioning of markets, macroeconomic aggregates and economic policies. Ability to use simple models to analyze a concrete problem and derive strategic guidelines. Being ready to pass to more advanced topics in economics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>ASSESSMENT METHODS</b>     | written exam discussed with teacher for final evaluation<br>Descrizione dei metodi di valutazione:<br>-eccellente (30 e 30 e lode): ottima conoscenza degli argomenti, ottima proprieta' di linguaggio, buona capacita' analitica.<br>-molto buono (26-29): buona padronanza degli argomenti, piena proprieta' di linguaggio.<br>-buono (23-25): conoscenza di base dei principali argomenti, discreta proprieta' di linguaggio, con limitata capacita' di applicare autonomamente le conoscenze alla soluzione dei problemi proposti.<br>-soddisfacente (20-22): non ha piena padronanza degli argomenti principali dell'insegnamento ma ne possiede le conoscenze, soddisfacente proprieta' di linguaggio.<br>-sufficiente (18-19): minima conoscenza di base degli argomenti principali dell'insegnamento<br>insufficiente: non possiede una conoscenza accettabile dei contenuti degli argomenti trattati nell'insegnamento. |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES</b> | Ability to interpret current economic issues and debates in the light of the models studied. Understanding the basic working of the global economy with a view to investing in entrepreneurial activity and in the financial markets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>TEACHING METHODS</b>       | lectures and classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY</b> | Balletta-Modica, Lezioni di Microeconomia disponibili in rete<br>Balletta-Modica, Lezioni di Macroeconomia seconda edizione, Egea Bocconi 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## SYLLABUS

| Hrs | Frontal teaching                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 40  | h1 Introduction to economics and mathematical tools<br>2 Demand supply and equilibrium<br>6 Theory of consumer and market demand<br>6 Theory of production, costs and market supply<br>3 Partial equilibrium analysis in perfectly competitive markets<br>1 Consumers and producers surplus<br>1 The role of the state in perfectly competitive markets<br>2 Monopolistic markets<br>4 Macroeconomic aggregates and their measurement<br>3 The Solow growth model<br>4 The three-market flexible price model of the macroeconomy<br>4 The Keynesian IS-LM model<br>4 Aggregate supply and demand (AS-AD model) |
| Hrs | Practice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 40  | Classes on:<br>demand, supply and market equilibrium<br>Consumer choice and market demand<br>Firms choice and market supply<br>Competitive market equilibrium, taxes and surplus<br>Equilibrium in monopolistic markets<br>Measurement of macro aggregates<br>The Solow model<br>Flexible price model<br>IS-LM model; linear version of the model<br>AS-AD model and equilibrium adjustments                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |