

Syllabus

Course description

Course title	Political Economics
Course code	27217 (Curr. Social Sciences) – 27228 (Curr. Economic Sciences)
Scientific sector	SECS-P/06
Degree	Bachelor in Economics and Social Sciences
Semester and academic year	2 semester a.y. 2020/2021
Year	3rd year
Credits	7
Modular	No
Total lecturing hours	42
Total lab hours	--
Total exercise hours	--
Attendance	suggested, but not required
Prerequisites	The frequency of the courses Economics 1 and 2 for PPE is warmly suggested in order to properly follow these lectures
Course page	https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/bachelor-economics-social-sciences/
Specific educational objectives	The course refers to the typical educational activities and belongs to the scientific area of Economics. This course analyses the main up-to-date topics on political economics, with a particular emphasis on the institutional environment. The aim is to show how the quantitative toolkit of the modern economist may be used to analyse political decisions and outcomes.
Lecturer	Giacomo De Luca Office E5.09 E-mail Giacomo.DeLuca@unibz.it Tel. 0471 013 537 Lecturer's page https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/39855-giacomo-de-luca
Scientific sector of the lecturer	SECS-P/01
Teaching language	English
Office hours	21 hours Cockpit – students' zone – individual timetable Webpage: https://www.unibz.it/en/timetable/?sourceId=unibz&department=26&degree=13141%2C13182
Lecturing assistant	--

Teaching assistant	--
List of topics covered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of Institution 2. Institutions in democratic and non-democratic societies 3. Institutional reforms 4. Voting in practice 5. Inequality and Redistribution 6. Political Constitutions and Economic Policy 7. Corruption 8. Conflict
Teaching format	Frontal lectures, students' class contributions (in form of presentations)

Learning outcomes	<p>Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of the role played by institutions in the context of economics; <p>Applying knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to evaluate the role of institutions and the need for political and economic interventions in market economies; <p>Making judgments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the appropriate theoretical frameworks and tools to evaluate relevant political issues; <p>Communication skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to present in a consistent and clear way the role of economic incentives in political decisions; <p>Learning skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ability to understand the economic theoretical framework to assess relevant political issues; • ability to evaluate the empirical evidence for the various hypotheses considered.
--------------------------	--

Assessment	<p>For attending students: Written exam with review questions (60%) and groups presentation during classes (40%)</p> <p>For non-attending students: Written exam with review questions (100%)</p> <p><i>NOTE: Project work and classroom contributions are valid for 1 academic year and cannot be carried over beyond that time-frame.</i></p>
Assessment language	English
Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks	For the written exam: understanding, clarity of answers, mastery of language (also with respect to teaching language), ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish

	<p>relationships between topics, evidence of independent research.</p> <p>For class contributions: understanding, clarity of answers, mastery of language (also with respect to teaching language), ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics, evidence of independent research, ability to work in a team, creativity, skills in critical thinking, ability to summarize in own words</p>
Required readings	A list of recent papers and book chapters will be proposed at the start of the module.
Supplementary readings	