**Economic Policies for Development and International Cooperation**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*Course aims*

The course aims to provide students with the methodological premises and the basics of the main debate topics concerning development, providing them with the analytical tools necessary for a correct interpretation of the phenomena considered.

*Intended learning outcomes*

**KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING SKILLS**

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

Understand and analyse the complex and multidimensional relationships between economic growth, development policies and sustainability.

Understand economic and social inequality and poverty issues. Understand the existing interconnection between urban sustainability policies.

Understand descriptive analysis of data and time series for the analysis of social phenomena.

**ABILITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING**

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

Analyse and interpret the specific social, economic and institutional forms that characterise economies, with attention to the relationship between development, growth and sustainability, in particular in urban areas and in low- and middle-income countries;

Interpret reports and studies produced by national and international agencies and research centres, and by public and private bodies that deal with development and sustainability;

Use databases and elaborate their descriptive analyses.

***COURSE CONTENT***

*First module, 30 hours*

***Economic policies, integration and development (Prof. Andrea Pronti)***

The first module introduces students to theoretical growth models and economic policies for development in low- and middle-income countries. The module offers analysis tools for an assessment of the link between poverty, inequality and growth in light of the processes of globalisation and international integration of economies.

Main topics addressed: development indicators (definitions, human development, poverty, distributive justice); economic models and policies for growth; trade liberalisation and economic integration; population growth and urbanisation; dependence on natural resources.

*Second module, 30 hours*

***Sustainable urban development (Prof. Ilaria Beretta)***

The second module focuses on the urban dimension of development and is aimed at providing students with the paradigms and tools necessary for the correct interpretation of the changing and complex dynamics that occur in cities in different areas of the globe.

Topics covered: interpretations of the city, sustainable development, SDGs, the urban dimension of development, urban sustainability indicators, policies and urban governance, green smart cities, participatory processes.

***READING LIST***

A detailed list of readings and textbooks required for the exam preparation will be illustrated to the students at the start of the course and made available on the Blackboard platform. The Blackboard platform will also be the tool for communicating timetable changes, exam information, any course content changes and more. All students (attending and non-attending, within or out of the exam prescribed time) are invited to register to the Blackboard page of the course and keep up to date.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lectures, exercises, participatory discussion of current issues in the classroom, invitation to seminars with external experts.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students will be assessed through a written test including open-ended questions (definitions, analyses and application of studied topics). For the first module, there will be a written test including brief definitions (40% of the mark) and questions that enable students to thoroughly explore topics studied in the course (60% of the mark). For the second module, there will be two questions which will be awarded a score of 18/30 each. The final mark of the second module will be the weighted average of the two questions.

The final mark of the entire exam will be the weighted average of the marks of the two modules.

Students must demonstrate their knowledge and ability to rework the key concepts covered in the course (or in the indicated reading list) and use appropriate scientific language. Attending students may have to take ongoing assessments during the course, the outcomes of which will contribute to the final mark.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

For a successful course attendance, previous study of the analytical tools of Political Economy is recommended.

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