# Economic Geography

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

The aim of the course is to provide an overview of the structures, the dynamics, and the problems of the contemporary economic space. The course will analyse various themes, exploring the aspects related to the regional organisation of tourist activities.

At the end of the course, students will be able to describe and interpret, with reference to individual economic facts, particularly related to tourism, or to economic facts as a whole, the regional differences existing in the world (at every level, from the local to the global one)

***COURSE CONTENT***

Part 1 (Prof. Flora Pagetti)

*Economic geography: methodologies and issues*

1. Concepts and definitions.

– Geography as the science of territorial organisation.

– The issue of “scale” and the tools of geography.

– Economic geography as a part of the study of geography.

2. Population and settlements.

– Population dynamics.

– The population distribution.

– Types of settlement.

3. The location of economic activities.

– The location of service activities.

– The location of manufacturing activities.

– Land use for farming.

4. Flows and networks.

– Flows of trade.

– Flows and financial centres.

– Transport and communications networks.

5. Development and the environment.

– The world-system

– Economic development, human development, sustainable development.

– Global warming.

Part 2 (Prof. Laura Solimene)

1. *Introduction to the economics of tourism: definitions and contents*

2. *Microeconomic analysis of tourism:*

– tourist demand;

– tourist as a consumer;

– production;

– tourist markets.

3. *Macroeconomic analysis of tourism:*

– tourism in the economic system;

– international tourism: monetary flows and real flows;

– the intervention of the state and the public organization of tourism.

***READING LIST***

For part 1

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE RECORDINGS OF THE LESSONS IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING THE CONTENTS OF THE RECORDED LESSONS TO THE EXAM.

FOR ALL the OTHERS:

S. Conti-G. Dematteis-F. Nano-A. Vanolo, *Geografia dell’economia mondiale*, Utet Università, Torino, 2022, Quinta edizione.

For the second part

G. Candela-P. Figini, *Economia del turismo e delle destinazioni,* McGraw-Hill, Milano, 2014, 2a ed.

The exact indication of the chapters to be prepared and any supplementary teaching material will be available on the e-learning platform <http://blackboard.unicatt.it>.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course will be taught in lectures. There will also be talks from visiting experts.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam is written and consists of three questions on the first part and two questions on the second part lasting 100 minutes.

The assessment shall take into account the knowledge of the topics threated inside the course, the lexical preciseness of the exposure and the economic reasoning skills.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

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