# SME Governance

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

The course aims to provide students with an in-depth preparation on the corporate governance systems of limited companies with special reference to the SMEs.

***LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Learning the regulations of the corporate governance systems in the different limited companies, with a special focus on the SMEs.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Definition of SMEs
* Corporate governance
* Duties and powers of corporate bodies: bodies with strategic monitoring and management functions; corporate bodies with control functions
* Composition and appointment of corporate bodies
* Remuneration of corporate bodies
* Corporate bodies operation and information flows
* Ownership structures and generational handover

***READING LIST***

E. Pederzini-R. Guidotti (edited by), *La governance delle società a responsabilità limitata,* CEDAM, Padua, 2018 (the entire textbook).

Any additional reading list title required for exam preparation will be made available on the lecturer’s virtual pages (website [www.unicatt.it](http://www.unicatt.it)).

Students are required to refer to a Civil Code updated to the current year.

We recommend that students read some business newspapers and/or the business pages of one (or more) of the main national newspapers.

During the course, students will be provided with articles published on legal reviews, dealing in detail with the topics addressed during lectures. These articles will not be part of the exam questions.

During the lessons, for those attending, class exercises will be carried out, through the setting up of groups; such class exercices which will be evaluated for the purpose of the exam.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lectures.

To improve the learning outcomes, we recommend that, during lectures, students refer to a Civil Code updated to the current year.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam. The exam consists of questions on course content designed to test students’ preparation and knowledge. During the exam, students may refer to the Civil Code.

Assessment will be based on relevance of students’ answers, their appropriate use of specific terminology, and a well-argued and consistent structure of presentation.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Prerequisite for attending the course is the knowledge of the principles of general corporate law.

Information on office hours available on the teacher's personal page at http://docenti.unicatt.it/.