

Università degli Studi di Macerata
Economics - A.A. 2023/2024
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ECONOMICS
Course introduction

Introduce yourself!



- ... a few words about who you are, where you come from, what school you attended ...
- ... what is your idea of the Economics course
- what would you like to do in the future and what job do you have in mind ...

General information

Course: Economics, 9 cfu (45 hours), L-14

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Room: Friday 9.00-11.00 (Aula 9) – 13.00-16.00 (Aula C)

Course Program: see course website:

<https://docenti.unimc.it/mattia.tassinari/courses/2023/28293>

Office hours: always available **at the end of the lectures** or **by appointment** on Skype/Teams, Office (room 107, floor -1).

Intermediate tests (possible only during the lesson period)

- ❖ For all students there is the possibility of taking **2 partial intermediate tests** (written tests) during the lesson period, with multiple choice questions and open questions (**27 October** and **01 December**). You need to book for the intermediate tests on the website.
- ❖ In case of a positive grade in both intermediate tests, the exam of Economics is considered passed. The mark of the exam is the average of the 2 marks obtained in the intermediate tests.
- ❖ Those who are not satisfied with the mark or do not pass one of the intermediate tests have to take the exam on **the entire program** during the **scheduled sessions** (closed questions and open questions + oral exam), preparing on the entire program indicated on the course website.
- ❖ **Only for the intermediate tests**, some **modifications** can be introduced to the **course's program** to make it more consistent with what is discussed in class, including the replacement of specific parts of the textbook adopted with **readings and exercises** provided by the teacher. Variations on the program will be communicated in class.

Schedule of the lectures a.y. 2023/24

Day	Time	Hours	Topic	Reference
Fri 22 sept	09,00 - 11,00	2	Course introduction; introductory concepts	ch. 1 and 2
Fri 22 sept	13,00 - 16,00	3	The market: definition, demand, supply, equilibrium	ch. 3
Fri 29 sept	09,00 - 11,00	2	Introduction to macroeconomics	ch. 19.A
Fri 29 sept	13,00 - 16,00	3	National accounts	ch. 20
Fri 06 oct	09,00 - 11,00	2	The aggregate supply and demand (AD-AS model)	ch. 19.B, 22.A, 22.B
Fri 06 oct	13,00 - 16,00	3	Exercises aggregate supply and demand	other material
Fri 13 oct	09,00 - 11,00	2	Unemployment	ch. 29
Fri 13 oct	13,00 - 16,00	3	Inflation	ch. 30
Fri 20 oct	09,00 - 11,00	2	Money and the financial system	ch. 23
Fri 20 oct	13,00 - 16,00	3	Monetary policy and the economy	ch. 24
Fri 27 oct	09,00 - 11,00	2	First intermediate test	
Fri 27 oct	13,00 - 16,00	3	First intermediate test	
Fri 03 nov	09,00 - 11,00	2	Production and business organization	ch. 6
Fri 03 nov	13,00 - 16,00	3	Analysis of costs	ch. 7
Fri 10 nov	09,00 - 11,00	2	Perfect competition	ch. 8
Fri 10 nov	13,00 - 16,00	3	Monopoly, Oligopoly and monopolistic competition	ch. 9 and 10
Fri 17 nov	09,00 - 11,00	2	Industrial policy	other material
Fri 17 nov	13,00 - 16,00	3	Industrial policy	other material
Fri 24 nov	09,00 - 11,00	2	Case studies	other material
Fri 24 nov	13,00 - 16,00	3	Case studies	other material
Fri 01 dic	09,00 - 11,00	2	Second intermediate test	
Fri 01 dic	13,00 - 16,00	3	Second intermediate test	

Attendance of the lectures

- ❖ **It is an opportunity for discussion**, where you have the chance to express your opinion, listen to that of others, ask for clarifications and insights.
- ❖ Interaction is very welcome and encouraged, but with **inclusive language**: it conveys respect to all people, is sensitive to differences and promotes equal opportunities, makes no assumptions about the beliefs or behaviors of others, contains nothing that may imply that one individual is superior to another for any reason.
- ❖ The general **rules of common sense apply**: do not use smartphones ... no WhatsApp etc. ... PCs are only allowed for taking notes ... the recording of the lesson is the responsibility of the lecturers (not the student), however what matters is not that you repeat the word for word but reasoning.



I suggest attending students to prepare on ...

- **The lesson (notes):** does not always follow the pages of the manual, it serves for interaction, exchange of ideas, clarifications and insights into the course contents
- **The slides (available on the website from the day before the lecture):** they are a track, they are not a substitute for the lesson and the manual. I will upload the slides the night before the lesson, so that on the day of the lesson you can have them.
- **The manual:** complements the lesson and slides with the pages indicated in the lesson => **Paul A. Samuelson and William D. Nordhaus Economics McGraw Hill/Irwin, New York, 2010**, Available also online at: <http://pombo.free.fr/samunord19.pdf>
- **Any further reading or exercises** indicated in class
- **Individual (or even collective) meeting by appointment:** take the opportunity to clarify your ideas!

How do you prepare for the exam?

ATTENDING STUDENTS

- ❖ **Continuously and actively** attend the class
- ❖ **Weekly**, study your **notes** and discuss them with some other students
- ❖ **Weekly**, study the pages of the **handbook** and other **reference texts** indicated in class
- ❖ If necessary, request for **meeting with the lecturer**
- ❖ Take the **intermediate tests**

NON-ATTENDING STUDENTS

- ❖ They are those who decide **not to follow regularly in class**, they prepare for the exam on the **handbook**
- ❖ See the website for further information