

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF FINANCIAL MARKETS

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

**Program(s)**

Bocconi University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics Business Administration

**UCEAP Course Number**

122

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF FINANCIAL MARKETS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

The course presents the structure of European and US financial markets and discusses the rules and principles that govern trading and price formation in the most advanced electronic trading platforms and auction markets. The course discusses how to trade securities on electronic order book markets like the London Stock Exchange, Borsa Italiana, Nyse-Euronext, NASDAQ, NYSE, or alternative trading systems (lit and dark pools). During the course, students participate in a trading simulation game prepared to practice real-time trading in the market. The course covers: market microstructure and research objectives, trading process, continuous vs batch auction, orders and order properties, market participants and the role of market makers, market structure, trading sessions (call and continuous auction markets), execution systems (order-driven, quote-driven, and hybrid markets), trading rules for order driven markets, price formation, matching rules, guidelines for price monitoring, price discovery, circuit breakers and market crashes, pricing and trading fees (make-take vs symmetric pricing structure), algorithmic trading, and high frequency trading (HFT), regulatory debate (U.S. and Europe) on dark liquidity, tick size, trading fees, and closing auction volume.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

30181

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## Host Institution Campus

Bocconi University

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## **Host Institution Department**

Finance

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