# COURSE DETAIL

| BEHAVIORAL PUBLIC ECONOMY AND POLICY |
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| **Country**<br>Italy |
| **Host Institution**<br>University of Bologna |
| **Program(s)**<br>University of Bologna |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Economics |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>160 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>BEHAVIORAL PUBLIC ECONOMY AND POLICY |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>BEHAVRL PUBLIC ECON |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale program. The course is intended for advanced level students only. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. This course aims to study classic topics in Public Economics and Policy, including taxation, education, and policy instruments but accounting for the shortcomings of the standard neoclassical model and supplementing the neoclassical treatment of these topics with insights from behavioral economics. The course begins each topic of the course with an introduction to the neoclassical treatment of the topic. The course then explores the implications of the neoclassical model and asks what identifies potential limitations of the assumptions of the standard model. The course then identifies a current public policy related to the topic and discusses how to analyze its effectiveness. The course covers both theoretical foundations in behavioral public economics and the design and testing of public policies. The course also highlights the link between theory and practice. The course achieves this with one or two guest lectures from individuals who span this divide between academia and real-world policy design. The course discusses topics include: introduction to behavioral public economics; theory of welfare; theory of policy interventions: taxation and nudges; health issues and policies; environmental issues and policies; savings and retirement; education and labor market (e.g., minimum wage policies, discrimination); and experimental design, RCTs, and policy evaluation. A solid foundation in microeconomics and applied mircoeconometrics is a prerequisite for attending the course.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
98234

**Host Institution Course Title**
BEHAVIOURAL PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY

**Host Institution Course Details**

https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/course-unit-catalogue/course-unit/2022/476341

**Host Institution Campus**
BOLOGNA

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**
LM in ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC POLICY

**Host Institution Department**
Economics

**Course Last Reviewed**
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