

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL ECONOMICS

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

Program(s)

Bocconi University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Economics

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL ECONOMICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL ECON

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course studies how political institutions shape economic outcomes and how key social and economic factors, such as education, the media, and lobbying, shape political outcomes. It also covers contemporary issues in political economics, such as the causes/consequences of the rise in populism and political polarization, the political economics of climate change, and conflict and violence. The course has a strong empirical focus and covers latest empirical evidence in political economics. Hence, beyond political economics, the course deepens knowledge of cutting-edge empirical methods for causal inference ("applied microeconomics") and deepens experience in applying those methods to (large) datasets in practice. Part 1 explores economic theories seeking to understand political behavior and its implications for economic policies and institutions, as well as how modern empirical methods are used in political economics analysis. Part 2 uses these methods to study three key areas of empirical political economics: 1) how political institutions--such as democratic- and non-democratic forms of government--shape economic outcomes; 2) how key social and economic factors, such as education, the media, and lobbying, shape political outcomes; 3) contemporary issues in political economics (including, among other topics, the causes and consequences of the rise in populism and political polarization; the political economics of climate change; conflict and violence).

(Bocconi also offers courses 30335-Political Economics, as part of the degree program in Intl Politics & Govt.)

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

30707

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Economics

Course Last Reviewed

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