



Name	FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS
Component Modules	-
Subject area	SECS-P/11
Academic year and semester	3rd year, 1st semester
Language of instruction	English
ECTS	8
Number of hours of lectures	48
Teachers	
Expected learning outcomes	<p>At the end of the course, the student will have the basic knowledge to analyze and interpret the dynamics of financial markets: understand the reasons for the existence of markets and intermediaries; understand the structure and organization of the financial system; understand the technical characteristics of the most popular financial instruments; understand the processes of credit and securities intermediation also from an international perspective.</p> <p>Through the notions acquired, the student will be able to: identify the trading channels and financial markets that meet specific financing needs; evaluate the performance of financial intermediaries; evaluate the main financial instruments; make their own judgments on market and economic conditions.</p> <p>At the end of the course, the student will have acquired the ability to carry out an independent assessment of the characteristics of markets and financial instruments and to formulate value judgments on the dynamics of financial systems and the functioning of credit and securities markets.</p> <p>At the end of the course, the student will be able to effectively express the acquired knowledge and describe, in technical language, the structure of the financial system, the characteristics of financial instruments and the main management dynamics of intermediaries.</p>
Syllabus	<p>The syllabus is divided into three thematic areas: the financial system; financial instruments; the types and management models of financial intermediaries.</p> <p>After an introduction to the overall framework of the financial system and the supervisory and control models, the course offers an in-depth exploration of the structure of the financial markets and an analysis of the different types of intermediaries and the typical risks of financial intermediation.</p> <p>The essential contents of the course are as follows:</p> <p>The Fundamentals of Financial Intermediation The real and financial system and the intermediation process Theories of financial intermediation Intermediation circuits and the classification of intermediaries</p> <p>Regulation and supervision of the financial system The objectives of supervision Supervisory models The tools of supervision Economic and monetary union The European Banking Union The European System of Central Banks</p> <p>Financial instruments and their classification Payment Instruments Credit instruments</p>



	<p>Debt securities Securities and participation instruments Derivatives</p> <p>Financial markets and their classification Negotiation channels Equity and bond markets</p> <p>Intermediation activities and financial intermediaries Credit intermediation The management forms of credit intermediation Banks' balance sheets Banks' management balances Securities brokerage The services and activities of securities brokerage The asset management system Insurance brokerage The risks of financial intermediation</p>
Teaching and learning methods	<p>Teaching is mainly delivered through lectures. In addition to lectures, the course also involves a number of hours of interactive teaching (at least one hour for each ECTS). The lectures also tackle a number of exercises based on numerical simulations referring to the valuation of securities instruments and the management of derivative instruments.</p> <p>There will be lectures and seminars held by operators and experts in the securities and credit market, with analysis of practical cases, in order to allow students to develop a first-hand experience of the concrete operations of the financial system.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>The exam is both written and oral.</p> <p>Attending students (at least 70% of the lessons) have the opportunity to take an intermediate written test on the contents covered in the first part of the course and to complete the exam in oral form. The mid-term exam consists of five open-ended questions.</p> <p>The oral exam consists of approximately five questions and lasts approximately 30 minutes.</p> <p>There may be group work activities, the evaluation of which adds to the overall evaluation.</p> <p>The questions of the mid-term test and the oral exam are aimed at verifying: the acquisition, by the students, of the knowledge and understanding of the technical characteristics of the financial system and of the elements that compose it (regulation and supervision, markets, financial instruments and intermediaries), through their illustration and description; the ability to analyze and interpret the dynamics of the financial, credit and securities markets; the ability to carry out an autonomous research, analysis, and interpretation of financial data, applying appropriate valuation tools, with autonomy of judgment; the ability to express, effectively and using appropriate language, the acquired knowledge.</p>
Assessment methods	<p>The assessment of learning involves the assignment of a final grade expressed in thirtieths.</p> <p>The final grade derives from the overall mark of the test and group work and results from the verification of the level of achievement of the established learning outcomes. For the purposes of assigning the final grade, the questions (both of the written test and of the oral test) have the same weight.</p>
Prerequisites	<p>Knowledge necessary to follow the course successfully and that will be considered acquired: Financial mathematics, International macroeconomics, Accounting and financial statements.</p>
Teaching materials	<p>Mishkin F. S., Eakins S. G. (2018), Financial Markets and Institutions, Ninth Edition, Pearson (selected chapters).</p>