

# DIGITAL MANAGEMENT (LB46)

(Lecce - Università degli Studi)

## Teaching PUBLIC POLICY AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

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**SSD code** SECS-P/03

**Reference course** DIGITAL MANAGEMENT

**Course type** Laurea

**Credits** 6.0

**Teaching hours** Front activity hours: 36.0

**For enrolled in** 2020/2021

**Taught in** 2022/2023

**Course year** 3

**Language** ENGLISH

**Curriculum** ECONOMICO

**Location** Lecce

**Semester** First Semester

**Exam type** Oral

**Assessment** Final grade

**Course timetable**

<https://easyroom.unisalento.it/Orario>

### BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims at introducing the students with the main regulatory and taxation issues relate to the digital economy. A central question throughout the different topics will be whether business practices and contracts in a "digital economy" may depart from efficient behavior, and in which cases they may be beneficial or detrimental to society. Real cases which are specific to digital markets will also be analyzed.

Globalisation and digitalisation, together with concerns over corporate tax avoidance, have sparked an international debate about whether tax rules are fit for purpose. The issue of taxing the digital economy figures ever more prominently on policy agendas around the world, while the OECD is striving to reach international consensus on the matter. This course will introduce to the the key points in the debate and analyse the principles for effective and efficient taxation in the digital age.

### REQUIREMENTS

Principles of economics

### COURSE AIMS

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

Students will be able to understand the the main regulatory and taxation issues relate to the digital economy.

#### **Applying-knowledge and understanding**

They will be able to understand the key issues in the international debate about whether tax rules are fit for purpose and to analyse the principles for effective and efficient taxation in the digital age.

#### **Making judgments**

They will be able to assess whether business practices and contracts in a "digital economy" depart from efficient behavior, and in which cases they may be beneficial or detrimental to society.

#### **Communication skills**

Students will be able to communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and the ultimate reasons that sustain them to both, specialized and non-specialized publics in a clear and unambiguous way.

#### **Learning skills**

Students will develop the learning skills that allow them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY      Traditional lectures

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ASSESSMENT TYPE              Individual assignments, written exam

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FULL SYLLABUS

The reasons for government intervention  
Competition policy

- What is Competition Policy
- Why do we need a competition policy?
- Objectives of competition policy
- Brief history of competition laws
- Structure of EU legislation

Collusion

- Functioning of a collusive agreement
- Structural factors that facilitate collusion
- Facilitating practices
- R&D agreements
- Fighting collusion in the real world

Market power and market definition  
Competition policy for the digital era

- Key characteristics of the digital economy
- Consequences for competition policy
- Should we rethink antitrust tools for platforms and ecosystems?
- Issues related to data

Taxes and the digital economy

- Basic principles of international tax law

- Worldwide or territorial taxation approach
- International coordination through bilateral treaties

-International tax avoidance

- Base erosion and profit shifting

-Tax reforms

- Unilateral tax reforms: digital service tax, GILTI
- Coordinated reforms: Oecd Pillar 1 and Pillar2, European CCCTB

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REFERENCE TEXT BOOKS              There is no textbook. Lecture notes and class materials will be posted online