SCUOLA DI ECONOMIA E MANAGEMENT – UNIVERSITA' DI FIRENZE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT

CURRICULUM IN ECONOMICS

SYLLABUS FOR THE ADMISSION INTERVIEW (for students who are not directly admitted)

Academic year 2014/15

MACROECONOMICS

National accounting in an open economy: income, balance of payments, price indexes, interest rates, real and nominal exchange rates. IS-LM Model in an open economy, monetary and fiscal policy, exchange rate regimes (fix and flexible rates). AD-AS Model, prices, wages and employment.

Texts

Blanchard O., Johnson D.W., *Macroeconomics*, 6th ed, Pearson Higher Ed 2013.

Chapters: 3,4,5,6,7,8,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24.

Mankiw G., Macroeconomics, 7th ed., Worth Publishers, 2009.

Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Blanchard O., Amighini A., Giavazzi F., Macroeconomia, Il Mulino, 2011.

Capitoli: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24.

Mankiw G., Taylor M.: Macroeconomi, 5 ed, Zanichelli, 2011.

Capitoli: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Dardi M., Lezioni di macroeconomia, CEDAM, 2013.

Capitoli: 1, 2, 3 sezz 3.1 e 3.2, 4, 5, 6 sezz 6.1 e 6.2.

MICROECONOMICS

Consumption: budget constraint, preferences, utility, demand functions. Production: technology, cost curves, profit maximization, firm supply. Competitive market equilibrium, monopoly, oligopoly, game theory. Pareto efficiency, externalities, public goods.

Texts

Varian H.L., Intermediate Microeconomics, 8th ed., Norton, 2009.

Chapters: 1,2,3,4,5,6,14,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,27,28,29,31,34,36.

Varian H.L., Intermediate Microeconomics, 9th ed., Norton, 2014.

Chapters: 1,2,3,4,5,6,14,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,28,29,30,32,35,37.

Morgan W, Katz M., Rosen H., Microeconomics, 2 ed, 2009.

Chapters: 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,18.

Bernheim D., Whinston M., Microeconomics, McGraw Hill, 2008.

Chapters: 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,12,14,16,17,18,19,20.

Varian H.L., Microeconomia, 7 ed., Libreria editrice Cafoscarina, 2011.

Capitoli: 1,2,3,4,5,6,14,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,27,28,29,31,34,36.

Katz M., Rosen H., Morgan W, Bollino C., Microeconomia, 4 ed., McGraw Hill, 2011

Capitoli: 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,18.

Bernheim D., Whinston M., Microeconomia, 2ed McGraw Hill, 2013 oppure 1ed. 2009.

Capitoli: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,13,15,16,17,18,19.

MATHEMATICS

Students are supposed to be familiar with the topics usually taught in basic course on

a. Calculus 1;

b. Basic Mathematics for economics.

A set of chapters in books and notes which cover the above topics is listed below.

a. Calculus 1. Either

Apostol, T. M., (1967), Calculus, Volume 1, 2nd edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY: Chapters 1-7 included, 9-10.

Clark, C., (1982), Elementary Mathematical Analysis, 2nd edition, Wadsworth Publisher of Canada, Ltd., Belmont, CA. Appendix 1.

or

Spivak, M., (1980), Calculus, 2nd ed., Publish or Perish, Inc., Houston,TX: all but chapters16, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and to 29.

Clark, C., (1982), Elementary Mathematical Analysis, 2nd edition, Wadsworth Publisher of Canada, Ltd., Belmont, CA. Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

or (for students graduated from the Università degli Studi di Firenze)

Pierluigi Zezza, (2009), Metodi matematici per le scienze economiche e aziendali, Carocci Editore, Roma.

Apostol, T. M., (1967), Calculus, Volume 1, 2nd edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY: Chapters 1, 2, 5, 10.

b. Basic Mathematics for economics. Either

Villanacci, A, (2014), Basic Mathematics for Economics, Class Notes, Università degli studi di Firenze (available at http://e-l.unifi.it/course/view.php?id=1933 "Login as a guest").

All Notes, but Section 4.8., Chapter 6, Sections 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, Chapter 10, Chapter 13, Sections 16.5, 17.2, 17.3.

Simon, C.P. and L. Blume, (1994), Mathematics for Economists, Norton, New York. Chapters form 6 to 21 (included) and 26 to 30 (included).