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MASTER PROGRAM

Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MASTER PROGRAM

- Master Degree of the School of Economics and Management
- University Departments involved
 - Statistics, Computer Science, Applications (DiSIA) (reference dept.)
 - Sciences for Economics and enterprises (DiSEI)
 - Education, Languages, Interculture, Literature and Psychology (FORLILPSI);
- Duration: 2 years (120 credits)
- Medium of instruction: English
- ➤ Type of degree (Classe di laurea): LM-49 "Progettazione e gestione dei sistemi turistici"
- Online learning resources: MOODLE platform: https://e-l.unifi.lt
- Each year, about 60-70 students from all over the world



INTERDISCIPLINARITY

- ➤ Interdisciplinary competencies and skills in the area of
 - design, organization and management of companies and activities related to natural, cultural, and economic local resources;
 - new trends, e.g., on food globalization and biodiversity, or on big data;
 - law, historical and geographical knowledge for tourism actions
 - demographic and statistical skills to measure and monitor the trends and impacts of tourism
 - languages, to communicate in an effective way

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SUSTAINABILITY

> ENVIRONMENTAL

eco-tourism; alternative tourism; green offer; typical products; short food supply-chains; local products

ECONOMIC

agri-food and agri-business; agricultural policies, the economic viability of agri-tourism; sustainable rural development

> CULTURAL

rural and culture tourism; integrity of historic and artistic heritage

SOCIAL

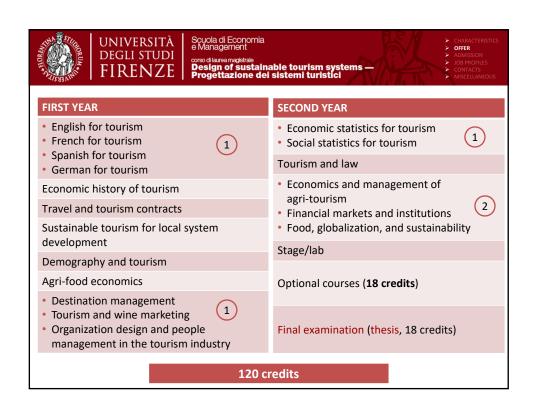
health and well-being, mutual benefits for tourists and local communities; socio-cultural authenticity of host communities; cultural exchange; accessibility,

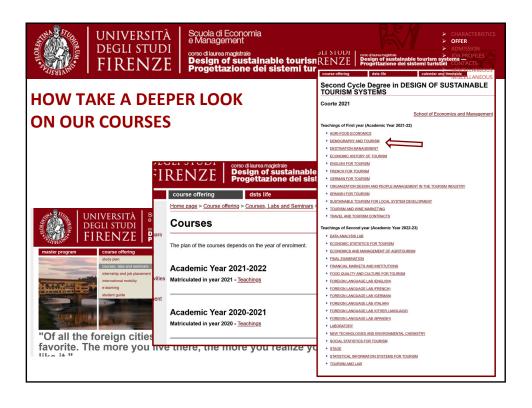
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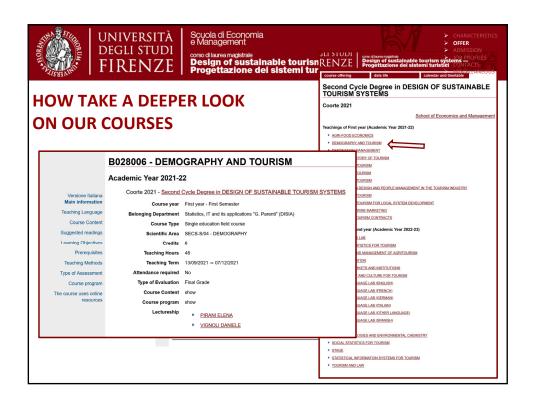


INTERACTION

- ➤ Class discussions on case studies, students' project works, presentations during the courses
- ➤ Leading experts testimonies: local entrepreneurs and company managers invited for lectures and to share their experiences from the "real world"
- Possibility to participate to seminars and workshops in tourism related fields
- ➤ Possibility of field visits











Stage & internships

- A period of job and training during university career training to apply and enhance skills and professionalism acquired in one's course of study
 - in accredited companies and institutions (agreement with UniFI).
 - activities consistent with the educational objectives of the degree program (objectives, activities, duration, agreed in advance).
- Internships tutor: prof. Daria Sarti
- Within DSTS Master Program, we offer two types of stages and internships (1 credit = 25 working hours):
 - regular internship: 3 (or max 6) credits
 - extended internship (upon certain conditions): 12 credits
- More info on our website, in the stage & internship section

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Food & wine tourism

- A thematic track specifically oriented to the "Food & wine tourism", to
 deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge on the different tourism
 forms based on the valorization of food and wine production in all its facets.
- To participate, students have to include specific exams in their study plan, and they will have the possibility to be selected for an extended internship.
- STUDY PLAN: beside the mandatory exams, F&W tourism must include:
 - Destination Management, Food Quality & Culture for Tourism, Economics & Management of Agritourism, Tourism & Wine Marketing, Internship
- INTERNSHIP: student can apply for an "extended" internship (12 credits)
 from a list of internships in leading companies operating in food and wine
 sectors. Selection (made by companies) will be approximately in January,
 and internships will be held in spring-autumn, depending on companies'
 request.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

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PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

✓ First level degree from specific fields

tourism management; geography; cultural heritage; modern languages; foreign languages and cultures; economics, and business administration; communication sciences; sociology; spatial, urban, and environmental sciences; sciences and technologies agro-food; sciences and technologies for the environment and nature; political sciences and international relations; social sciences for cooperation, development and peace; statistics; history.

- ✓ B2 level in English and in another language (different from Italian)
- ✓ basic knowledge of data processing
- at least 6 credits in Economics,
 Management, Demography, Statistics.
- Curricular requirements automatically satisfied in case of first level degree in "L-15 Tourism management"



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PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

✓ First level degree with the grade of 95 or higher

OR

 evaluation through an interview by the Admission Committee

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HOW TO PRESENT THE APPLICATION REQUEST

(Domanda di valutazione)

Home page > Master Program > How to enrol

- ➤ Applicants holding academic degree obtained in Italy
 - To submit the filled form, together with all the documents needed to prove requirements, through a google form system
 - The final evaluation will the communicated by the office
- > EU and non-EU applicants holding academic degree obtained outside of Italy
 - Application exclusively through the portal DreamApply (https://apply.unifi.it/), by the deadline published on the platform itself.
 - All the documents needed to prove requirements must be uploaded there.
 - Applications for degrees not yet earned will not be considered.



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- > The Commission will evaluate the requirements and...
 - 1. ...if requirements are met, a document called "Nulla Osta" is provided, and you can enroll to the master program
 - 2. ...if some or all the admission requirements are not met, you may be requested to
 - to send additional documents (through the same system),
 - pass an exam
 - or have an interview with the Director of the Master Program
 - 3. ...if curricular and/or personal requirements are not considered satisfactory, you are not admitted to the master program.
- ➤ Only students having received the "Nulla Osta" can enroll!
- For enrollment procedure, please check the UniFI website

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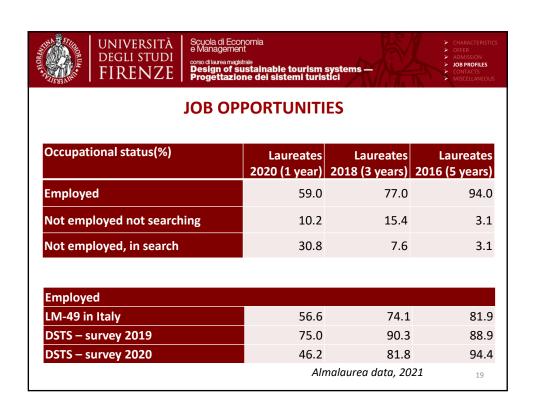


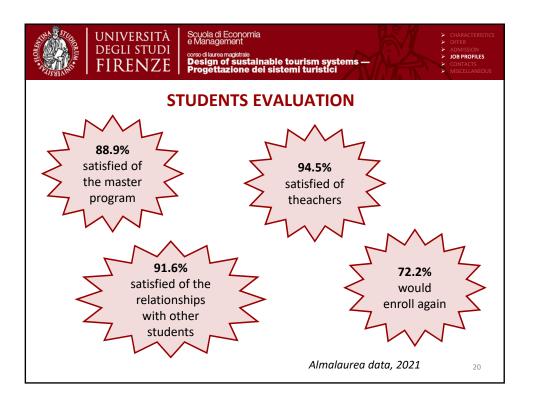
JOB PROFILES

leader in the enhancement of the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the territory



- key agents in the organization of local events or local promotion
- professionals who deal with the development of a multifaceted touristic offer
- ➤ The Master Degree could also give access to PhD Programs in issues related to tourism.







SO... WHY TO CHOOSE DSTS IN FLORENCE?

- Interdisciplinary courses through traditional lectures,
- class discussions on case studies, students' project works,
- > and field visits.
- ➤ Each year several leading experts in the tourism management sector offer their testimonies, and share their experiences.
- ➤ A large selection of national and international internship, thanks to a solid and large network of relationships with firms and institutions working in the field of tourism, hospitality, event organization, food and wine production.

...we offer a unique experience to directly touch opportunities and critical aspects of the complex world of tourism!



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DSTS WEBSITE

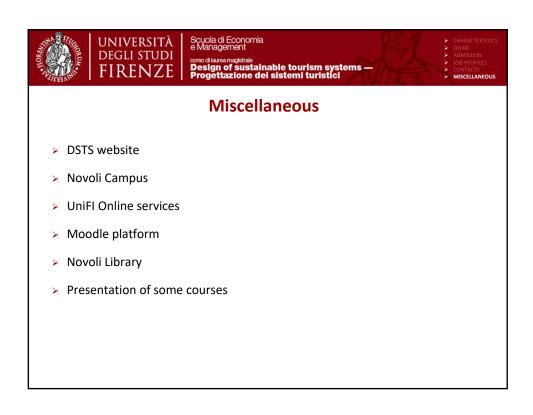
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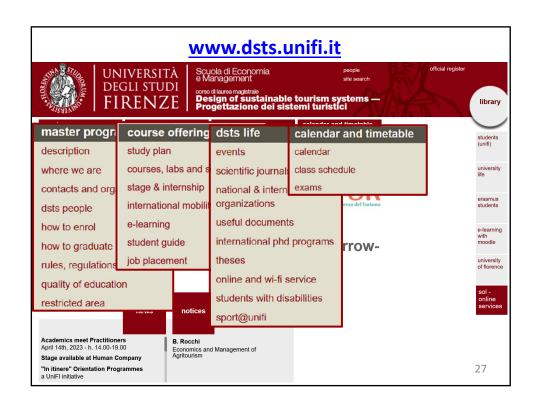
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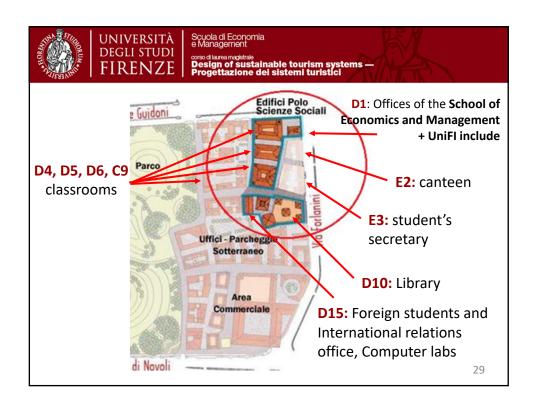


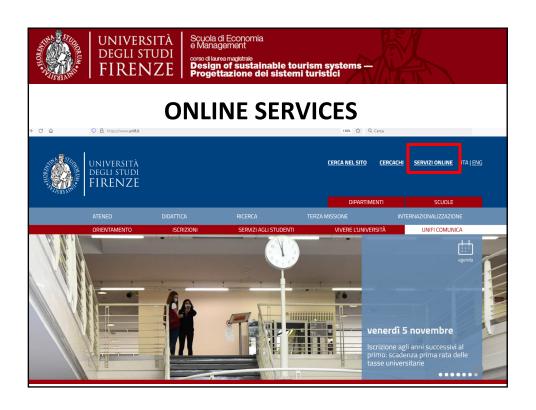




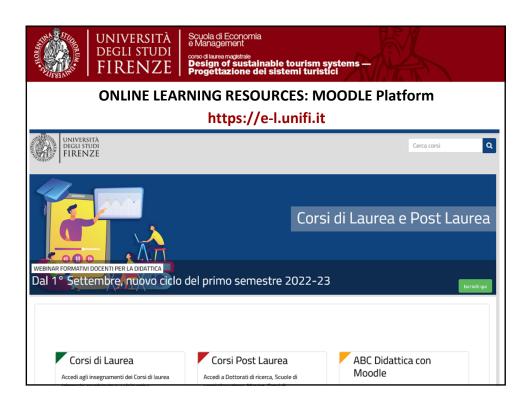


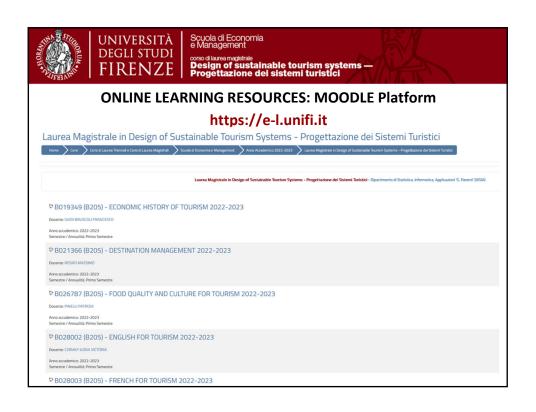










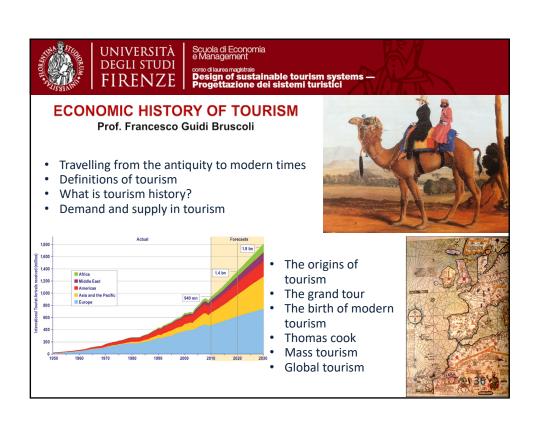


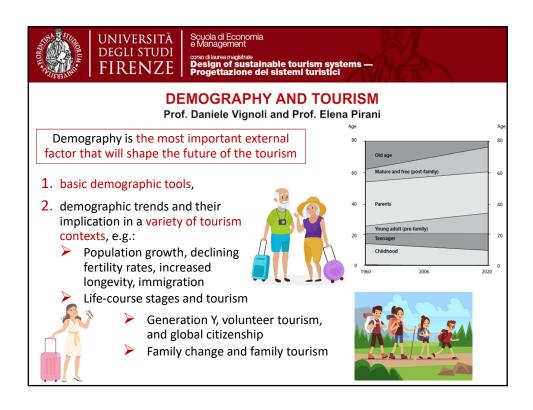


- ➤ Book and e-book for the loan (and help to look for them, also inter-library loans and document delivery)
- A large selection of scientific journals, textbooks, specialized books, newspapers, and databases
- Seminars
- Self-service scan
- "Ask a librarian" service (for bibliographic enquiries, search strategies and available sources, and information on the University library services) with a specific service for the thesis.



Presentation of some courses













ORGANIZATION DESIGN AND PEOPLE MANAGEMENT IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

ainable tourism systems dei sistemi turistici

Prof. Daria Sarti

- Organizations in the Tourism Industry: peculiarities
- Basic principles of organization design
- Defining management and leadership
- Organizational culture and change management
- Motivation theories to lead people
- Main activities of the HR Department in the Tourism Industry (recruitment, selection, HR training and development, performance management and reward management)



IN CLASS ACTIVITIES

case studies, exercises and guest lectures; a final project report on selected topics.

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TOURISM AND WINE MARKETING

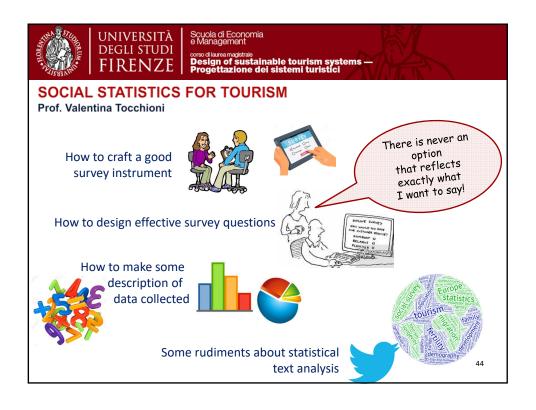
Prof. Faraoni and Prof. Zampi

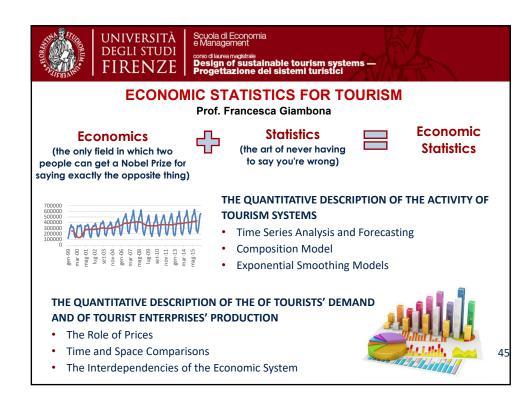
Through class lectures, case studies, and team working on projects, we will deal with the main issues concerning wine marketing and tourism related to wine production.

- 1. basics of wine management, e.g.:
- with a particular attention to its peculiar characters
- evolution of the wine market over time, wine storytelling
- competitive strategy and brand management
- link between wine and territory, in an international perspective
- 2. marketing strategies and operating methods in the wine sector, e.g.,:
- segmentation, targeting and positioning strategies
- product definition and branding
- pricing strategies
- distribution and e-commerce, web communication & social media strategies
- 3. key aspects of wine tourism, e.g.,:
- wine tourist profile and behavior
- from wine territory to a tourist destination
- manage the wine tourism: strategies and main operating issues.
- "geography" of wine tourism











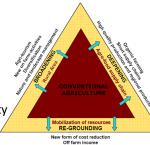


ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF AGRITOURISM

Prof. Benedetto Rocchi

- ➤ Setting the scene: *agri* vs. *rural* tourism.
- ➤ Dealing with multifunctional farming
- ➤ The economic viability of agritourism
- ➤ Agritourism and sustainable rural development
- > Developing a marketing plan for an agri-tourism activity





FIELD ACTIVITY

Meeting with agri-tourism entrepreneurs from two rural areas in Tuscany: presentation of business cases and discussion of management issues