TEACHER: PROF. ROBERTO BASILE

Programme of "Economia Degli Scambi Internazionali"		
"International Trade Theory" Number of ECTS credits: 6 (workload is 42 hours; 1 credit = 7 hours)		
1st Cycle in ECONOMICS, 3 rd year , 1 st semester Teacher: Prof. Roberto Basile		
1	Course objectives	THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION THEORIES. THE SECOND PART OF THE COURSE FOCUSES ON TRADE POLICIES AND ON THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE.
2	Learning outcomes (Dublin descriptors)	 MAIN CAPABILITY GAINS WILL BE: TO ANALYZE THE ROLE OF CROSS-COUNTRY TECHNOLOGICAL DIFFERENTIALS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE; TO ANALYZE THE ROLE OF INTERSECTORAL FACTOR MOBILITY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION; TO EVALUATE THE ROLE OF FACTOR ENDOWMENT AND FACTOR INTENSITY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION; TO EVALUATE THE ROLE OF SCALE ECONOMIES ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE; TO EVALUATE THE ROLE OF FIRM HETEROGENEITY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE; TO EVALUATE THE DETERMINANTS OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION; TO UNDERSTAND THE MAIN DETERMINANTS OF FIRMS' STRATEGIES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS; TO USE SIMPLE PARTIAL AND GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM MODELS; TO UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIVES, TOOLS AND EFFECTS OF TRADE POLICIES; DEMONSTRATE CAPACITY FOR READING AND UNDERSTAND OTHER TEXTS ON RELATED TOPICS
3	Prerequisites and learning activities	IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND AND TO APPLY THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE COURSE, STUDENTS MUST HAVE ATTENDED THE EXAMS OF MATHEMATICS AND MICROECONOMICS. IN PARTICULAR, SOME TOPICS REQUIRE THE ABILITY TO SOLVE SIMPLE DERIVATIVES, BASIC OPTIMIZATION PROBLEMS AND SIMPLE ALGEBRAIC CALCULUS.
4	Teaching methods and language	MIX OF INTERACTIVE AND FRONTAL TEACHING. STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE TO THE DISCUSSION WITH CRITICAL JUDGEMENT, BY EXPRESSING IDEAS, BY ASKING QUESTIONS, AND BY PRESENTING EXAMPLES. INDIVIDUAL STUDY: STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH TEXTBOOKS AND SLIDES.
5	Assessment methods	Written exam.