Syllabus

Course Description

Course Title	Management of Cooperatives
Course Code	89197
Course Title Additional	
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	ECON-07/A
Language	German; Italian
Degree Course	Studium Generale - basic course
Other Degree Courses (Loaned)	
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Teaching Assistant	
Semester	Second semester
Course Year/s	1
CP	6
Teaching Hours	18
Lab Hours	0
Individual Study Hours	0
Planned Office Hours	
Contents Summary	- Management and governance of co-operatives - Stakeholder relations and networks within co-operatives

	- Innovative practices for co-operative enterprises: local, regional and international perspectives - Models and sectors of co-operative activity (e.g. social and community co-operatives) - Co-operatives and sustainable development
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Keywords	
Recommended Prerequisites	
Propaedeutic Courses	
Teaching Format	Lectures, discussions, case studies
Mandatory Attendance	
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes	The course develops a comprehensive and interdisciplinary understanding of the management of co-operatives in a regional context. Its aim is to equip students with transferable skills to understand the management challenges faced by co-operative organisations across various sectors. The course is suitable for students interested in a career within co-operative organisations and for professionals already working in the co-operative sector. In this context, the course presents research findings on co-operatives and management knowledge through the discussion of case studies on real-life co-operative enterprises. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss and address management issues arising from their own professional practice.
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes (additional info.)	Knowledge and understanding Students are able to identify innovative aspects and new trends relating to the management and governance of co-operatives. Application of knowledge and understanding Students apply their knowledge to develop management and governance strategies, innovative solutions and forward-looking

	development approaches for co-operatives. Assessment Students develop the ability to critically assess the governance structures of co-operatives, stakeholder engagement strategies and innovative practices. They also learn to evaluate initiatives aimed at promoting responsible business practices and the associated management challenges across various co-operative sectors. Communication and learning strategies Students improve their ability to communicate cooperative strategies, innovative ideas and the added value of responsible corporate governance effectively to various stakeholders. They enhance their skills in presenting findings and facilitating discussions.
Assessment	Student presentations: Students present an analysis of a case of their choice, representing a challenge in the field of co-operative management, which will be discussed with the whole group (students must submit their presentation slides in advance).
Evaluation Criteria	Oral presentation: quality and clarity in identifying and analysing the problem; the ability to apply the concepts learnt during the lessons to the analysis and to summarise them in one's own words.
Required Readings	
Supplementary Readings	
Further Information	
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	