

## Economics Crash Course – SEM and TEAM Matteo Maria Cati

## Microeconomics

- Introduction
- The Market
  - o The demand and supply model
  - o Price elasticity of demand and of supply
  - o Government's Intervention: indirect taxes
- The Standard Theory of Consumption
  - o The Budget constraint
  - o Preferences:
    - Axioms
    - Utility Functions
    - Indifference Curves
    - Marginal Rate of Substitution
- The Optimal Choice and the Constrained Maximization Problem of the Utility Function
- The Theories of Production and Cost
  - o Basic Concepts
- Market Structures:
  - o Perfect Competition
  - o Monopoly
  - o Oligopoly
- Welfare Economics
- Definition of Pareto Optimality
- The Two Fundamental Welfare Theorems
- Market Failures: Externalities, Public Goods, Market Power, Asymmetric Information

## **Macroeconomics**

- Introduction
- Basic Concepts:
- Gross Domestic Products (GDP)
- Consumer Price Index
- GDP Deflator
- Inflation
- Unemployment
- Short Run macro model: IS LM in a closed and in an open setting;
  - o Fiscal and Monetary Policies
- Long Run macro model: Aggregate Demand and Supply
  - o Fiscal and Monetary Policies
- Very Long Run model:

- o The exogeneous growth model: the Solow model
- o The endogeneous growth model

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