

PhD in Social and Political Science  
Bocconi University  
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## 41023 Demography (24 hours)

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The course is designed to introduce students to basic concepts of demographic measurement and modelling used to study changes in population size and composition. The course covers basic concepts and measures of mortality, fertility and migration; life table construction; stable populations; population projections; and age patterns of vital events. The main demographic theories to explain past trends and current demographic change will be introduced. It will be privileged the macro/aggregate perspective.

### Possible general textbook:

Lutz (2021) Advanced introduction to demography, Elgar. [\(on line in the Library\)](#)

### Possible methodological demographic textbooks:

Preston (2000), Demography, Blackwell

Rowland (2003), Demographic methods and concepts, Oxford

Wachter (2014) Essential Demographic Methods, Harvard University Press [\(on line in the Library\)](#)

Weeks (2021) Population. An introduction to Concepts and Issues, 13<sup>th</sup> edition, Cengage.

### Readings

Various published papers indicated in the detailed syllabus. Each student will briefly present in class two papers, in a critical and discussion stimulating way

### Dates

Tuesdays 5 Nov, 12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov, from 14:45 to 18:00 (2 sessions each day)

Thursdays 7 Nov, 14 Nov, 21 Nov, 28 Nov, from 14:45 to 16:15