

Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems – Progettazione dei sistemi turistici

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MASTER PROGRAM

Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems

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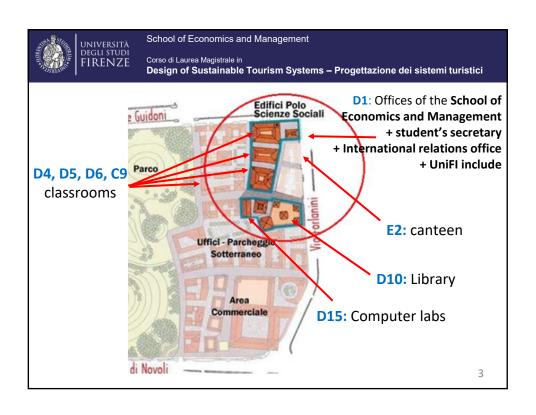


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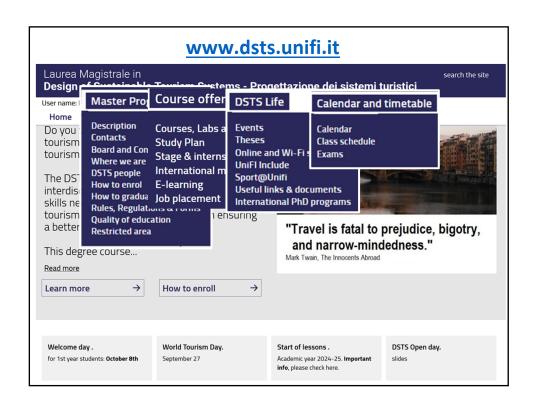
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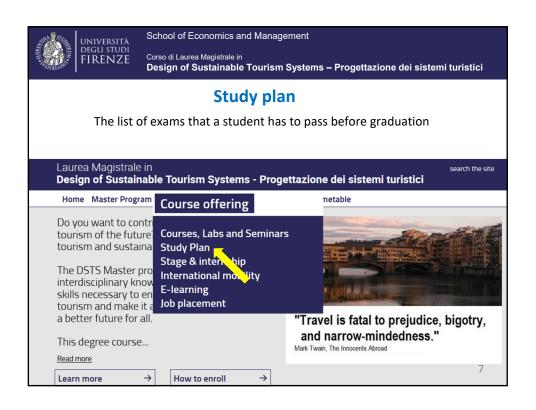
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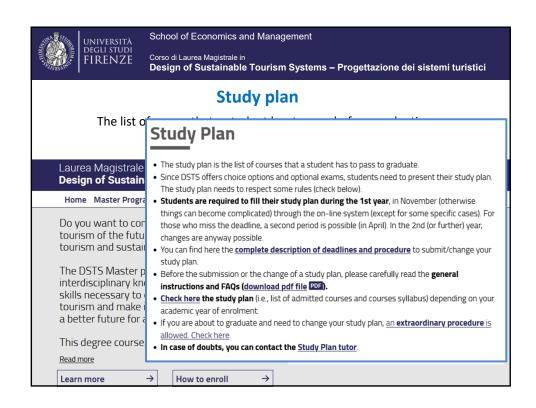


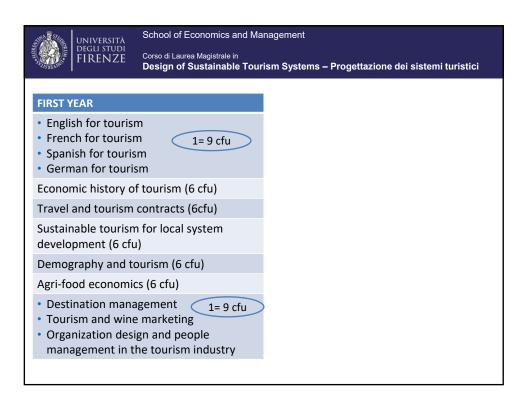










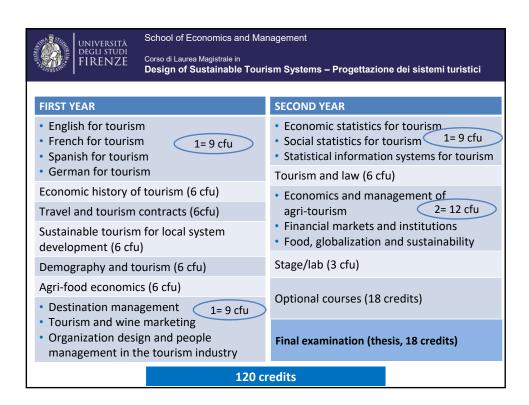




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First year

- The exams of the first year are almost all mandatory
- 1st semester:
 - Mandatory exams: Economic history of tourism (9 cfu), Demography and tourism (6 cfu)
 - One exam of foreign language (9 cfu): you can choose the language, under some restrictions
 - Destination management (OR Tourism and wine marketing; but only after destination management) OR Organization design and people management in the tourism industry (9 cfu). Attention, some are in the 1st, other in the 2nd semester
- 2nd semester:
 - Mandatory exams: Travel and tourism contracts (9 cfu); Sustainable tourism for local system development (6 cfu); Agri-food economics (6 cfu)





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Second year

- Tourism and law (6 cred., in the 2nd sem.) is mandatory
- You have to choose a 9-credit exam in the "statistical group" (Economic statistics for tourism; Social statistics for tourism; Statistical Information Systems for Tourism)
- You have to choose two 6-credit exams between: Economics and management of agri-tourism; Financial markets and institutions; Food, globalization and sustainability.
- Attention: some lectures are in the 1st, other in the 2nd semester
- You have to choose a 3-credit lab/stage
- You have to choose 18 credits (e.g., 9+9, or 9+6+3, or 6+6+6) \rightarrow see later in the slides
- For foreign students, it is suggested to attend in the first year the Italian language lab.



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Study plan

- Students are required to fill their study plan
 - ➤ during the 1st year, in October 26th November 21st (otherwise things can become complicated)
 - through the on-line system (except for some specific cases).
- For those who miss the deadline: April (March 26th April 21st)
- Before the submission/change of a study plan, please carefully read the instructions and FAQs on DSTS website.
- In the 2nd (or further) year, changes are possible.
- For urgent changes, and only for students who are about to graduate, an extraordinary procedure (paying a fee) is possible

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Study plan

1. Deadlines this year:

October 26th - November 21st

- 2. The Committee check if the study plan complies with the rules, and decide to approve or not to approve.
 - **2.1** If it is approved, all is OK
 - 2.2 If it is rejected you are called to change it
- For questions and doubts, check the Instructions and FAQs on the website. If you do not find the answer, you can contact the study plan tutor: Prof. Valentina Tocchioni

Meeting for study plan: will be communicated soon!

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Study plan FAQs

Foreign language(s):

- General rule: you must study a foreign language different from English (two foreign languages if native English)
- The study plan must include (at least) a 9-credit exam in a language different from English and from your mother tongue. You can choose between: French/German/Spanish for tourism.
- You can include other language credits, English or another language, among the labs or optional credits (e.g., lab or 9-credit exams)
- The choice of English as the 9-credit exam is possible only if you can
 demonstrate to speak another language (different from English and
 Italian) at the C1 level or higher. In this case, you have to include also
 at least a 3 credit language lab (different from English).

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Study plan FAQs

Foreign language(s):

		One from the list (native	e language not allowed!)	Another language	
Not-English natives <u>without</u> another language at C1 level		French for tourism Spanish for tourism		(lab or 9-credits exam) is possible but not	
					German for tourism
		Not-English natives with another language at C1 level (native language included) CASE 2b	option A	One from the list (native language not allowed!)	
French for tourism				(lab or 9-credits exam)	
Spanish for tourism				is possible but not	
German for tourism				mandatory	
option B	English for tourism		+ another foreign language is <u>mandatory</u> (a 9-credits exam or at least a 3-credits lab. Not English, not mother tongue)		
English natives <u>without</u> another language at C1 level		One from the list French for tourism Spanish for tourism German for tourism	(a 9-credits exam or a	+ another foreign language is mandatory (a 9-credits exam or at least a 3-credits lab. Not English, not mother tongue)	
		One from the list			
English natives <u>with</u> another language at C1 level		French for tourism	Another language (lab	Another language (lab or 9-credits exam) is possible but not mandatory	
		Spanish for tourism	possible but not mand		
		German for tourism			



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Study plan FAQs

Language labs (3 credits)

- French, German and Spanish labs: please contact the professors of the language courses for further information. You may partially attend the 9 credit course and take a final assessment.
- **English** lab is recommended if you don't choose English as a 9-credit exam.
- Language labs for other languages are not generally allowed. Please contact prof. Cziraky for further information.

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Study plan FAQs

Italian language lab (3 credits)

- An Italian language lab (free of charge) is reserved for DSTS foreign students, and we warmly invite them to take the course.
- To acquire the 3 credits, students have to attend and pass the **B2 level** course.
- Preparatory courses of A1-A2 and A2-B1 level offered in the first semester: they are **not** sufficient to get credits alone.
- Students who do not speak Italian should start the courses as soon as possible.
- These three courses (A1-A2 level; A2-B1 level; B2 level) are offered each semester.
- Check the website for info on registration and dates (e.g., news section).
- After having attended the course and passed the exam, please send the CLA certificate to english.msc@economia.unifi.it



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Study plan FAQs

18 optional credits

- 9+9, or 9+6+3, or 6+6+6
- · from the DSTS exams not selected
- from the UniFI Master Program offer (in English or Italian). These courses have to be consistent with the DSTS program.

Credits without mark (labs/stage)

- 3-credit labs and stage are not evaluated with a numerical mark. A max of 6 credits without mark can be included in the study plan (included those expected)
- Exceptions for "extended internships" (see later)

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International mobility

- Every year, UniFI opens a selection process, giving students the possibility to attend programs abroad
 - within Europe: Erasmus+ for studies program
 - · outside Europe: extra-EU mobility for studies program.
- Only a 6-month period abroad (one semester) is admitted
- Max 30 credits abroad
- A selection process for international internships is also offered (Erasmus+ for traineeship, generally in April)
- Please check the webpage of the School of E&M for all details (links also on our website)

School delegate:

DSTS delegate:

prof. Francesco Guidi Bruscoli

Prof. Francesca Giambona



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International mobility

 Call generally in December/January

A meeting will be organised by the International Relationships office (for bureaucratic and technical aspects)

- In the application, students have to indicate 5 possible destinations. To have an idea... https://ammissioni.unifi.it/DESTINATION/
- There, all the Universities having an Erasmus agreement with UniFI and the School are listed (search by country)
- DSTS has prepared the *Erasmus document* indicating foreign universities offering master programs in the field of tourism. We warmly suggest you to choose those destinations





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International mobility - procedure

- »January-February: application for the Erasmus program
- ≈March/April: the list of Erasmus scholarship winners is published. Students need to finalize the procedure by choosing the actual location (this also depends on the n. of places and the position in the ranking)
- May-September: Learning Agreement (LA) presentation
 - informal approval of the LA by the DSTS delegate (prof. Giambona)
 - online submission
- Only Master program courses are allowed (unless specifically agreed with the delegate). Some indications about exams are provided in the "DSTS Erasmus document"

A meeting with prof. Francesca Giambona will be arranged at the appropriate time.



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Stage & internships

- A period of job and training during university career training to apply and enhance skills and professionalism acquired during studies
 - 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 stage and internships (1 credit equals 25 working hours):
 - · regular internship: 3 (or max 6) credits
 - extended internship: 12 credits

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Stage & internships

Regular internships

- Student can search on the UniFI database a company/organization for the internship
- New agreements between companies/organizations and UniFI are welcome
- 3 (or max 6) credits can be recognized (depending on the internship project previously signed by the internships tutor)

"Extended" internships

- Long and qualified internships in leading companies in the tourism sector.
- We will publish periodically selected offers for internships of 3-6 months (full-time) for which we recognize 12 credits.
- The internship activity is defined in advance by a DSTS committee and the host organization, to guarantee a high qualification and professionalism.
- Students can express their interest and apply, then the host company will select the candidate(s).

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, globalization and sustainability; 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.

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TO CONTACT US

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- Study plan Dott. Valentina Tocchioni – <u>valentina.tocchioni@unifi.it</u>
- ➤ International exchange and Erasmus

 Prof. Francesca Giambona francesca.giambona@unifi.it
- Internships and job-placement activities Prof. Daria Sarti – <u>daria.sarti@unifi.it</u>
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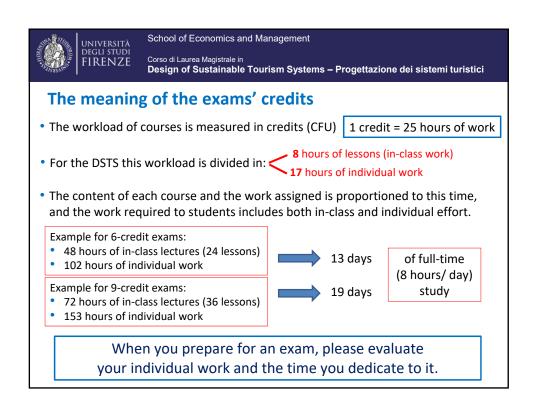
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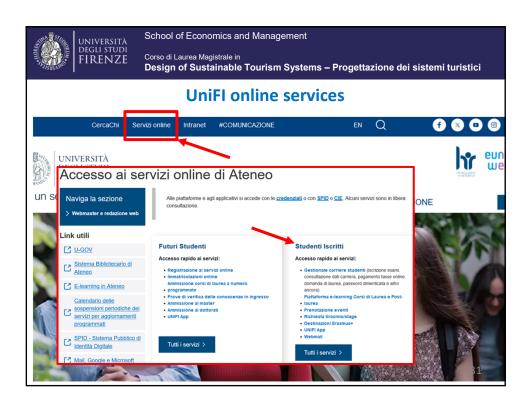
- After the enrolment, you receive:
 - a student number (ID) and a password uniquely identifying you, and needed to access the online services of UNIFI (e.g., to register for exams, to check your career situation, to ask for scholarship, ...)
 - a badge for accessing the services reserved to UNIFI students (libraries, canteen, sports, etc.)
 - an e-mail address: name.surname@edu.unifi.it
- REMEMBER TO CHECK PERIODICALLY YOUR STUDENT E-MAIL!



BASIC RULES for student-professor communications

- If you need some information, first check the website
- Identify the correct person to address your question
- If you write to 2 or more professors, use the cc functions
- If you need to contact a professor:
 - use your institutional e-mail address
 - specify your name, ID number, and the course you are referring to
 - always indicate a meaningful subject in your e-mail
 - clearly explain your problem or question and use a polite language
- Do not expect immediate response (2-3 days is a normal time) and don't ask for last-minute urgent requests (e.g., the day of the deadline)
- Avoid writing during the week-end (and especially do not expect an answer in real time!)



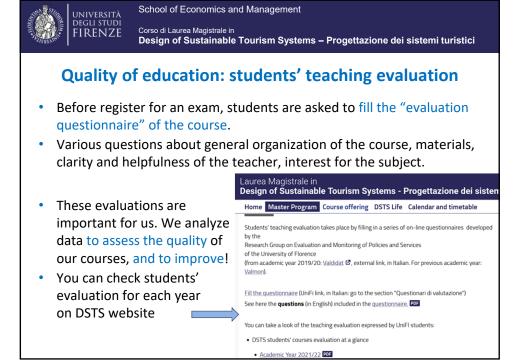


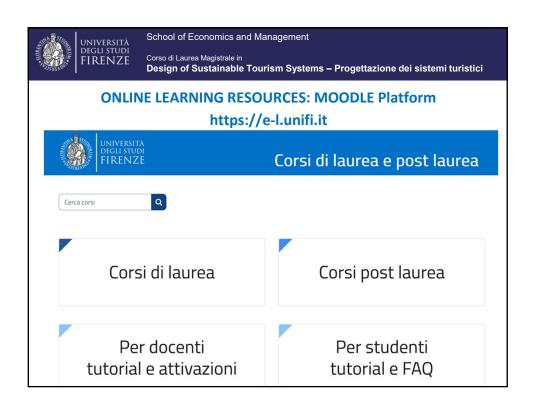


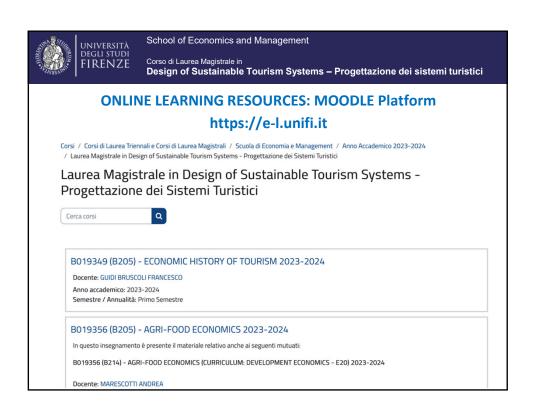


IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON MASTER THESIS

- The final work to graduate is a Master thesis.
- On our website (www.dsts.unifi.it > DSTS Life > Theses) you can find some brief notes to have general insights on how to prepare a Master thesis and organize your work
 - What is a master thesis
 - · Basic steps for writing a master thesis
 - Relationship student-supervisor and good practices
 - Plagiarism and mandatory declaration to include in the thesis









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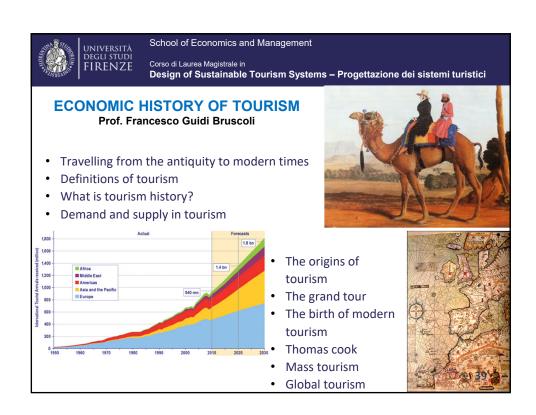
- A quiet place to study
- > Book and e-book for the loan (and help to look for them, also inter-library loans and document delivery)
- > A large selection of scientific journals, textbooks, specialized books, newspapers, and databases
- Seminars
- Self-service scan
- > "Ask a librarian" service (for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

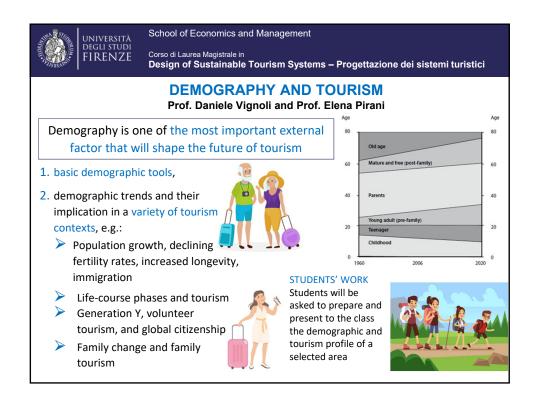


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Presentation of some courses











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AGRI-FOOD ECONOMICS

Prof. Andrea Marescotti

- > Basics of agricultural economics: supply, demand, market.
- Characteristics and evolution of the agribusiness
- The importance and evolution of the Common Agricultural Policy
- > Multi-functionality and the new development model of agriculture
- > Typical products, short food supply-chains, local products
- Food and tourism





STUDENTS' WORK

Students will be asked to produce some reports on selected topics, to be presented to the class

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ORGANIZATION DESIGN AND PEOPLE MANAGEMENT IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

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

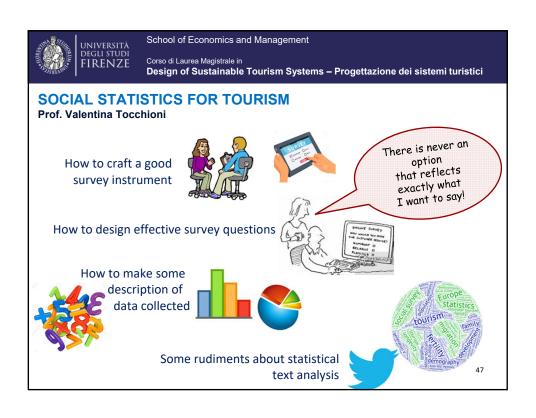
2. marketing strategies and operating methods in the wine sector, e.g.,:

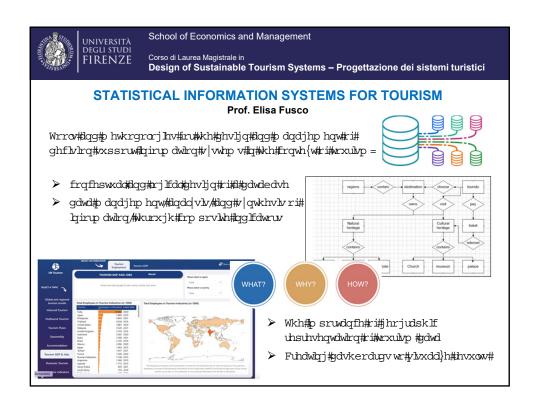
- segmentation, targeting and positioning strategies
- product definition and branding
- pricing strategies
- distribution and e-commerce, web communication & social media strategies

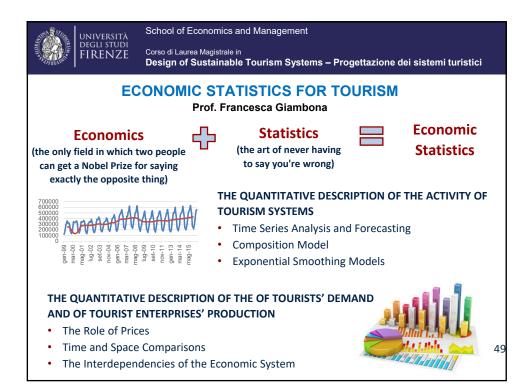
3. key aspects of wine tourism, e.g.,:

- 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

