**Facoltà di**

**SCIENZE BANCARIE, FINANZIARIE E ASSICURATIVE**

*Module*

Ethics for Finance.

*Teachers*

Matteo Cassiani (CFA Society Italy)

*Course objectives*

The objective of the course is to offer students a review of Ethical and International Standards that represent best practices in the financial sector globally, as defined by the CFA Institute “Code of Ethics and Standard of Professional Conduct”. Students will be able to analyze and evaluate ethical issues connected with the offer of financial product and services, with the aim of protecting the integrity of financial markets for the ultimate benefit of the society. The analysis of practical cases for the right application of ethical and professional standards will offer students the description of typical financial markets activities and operations, with references to technics related to financial product creation and management.

*Course programme*

* Ethics and Professional Standards in the financial sector. Reasons for self-discipline and appropriate behaviors, to ensure investors’ confidence in the financial sector.
* CFA Institute “Code of Ethics”, "Standard of Professional Conduct" and "Standard of Practice Handbook": ethical principles and macro-areas of application.
* Relationship and duties of professional investors towards their customers. Prudence, transparency, adequate basis for recommendations. Practical cases.
* Investment Analysis: objectivity, consistency with customers' investment policy statements. Practical cases.

*Bibliografy*

* Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, CFA Institute, 2014;
* Guidance for Standards I–VII, Standards of Practice Handbook, Eleventh Edition, CFA Institute, 2014;
* Research Objectivity Standards, CFA Institute, 2005;

*Teaching*

During lessons, the application of ethical standards on real practical cases will be discussed.

*Assessment*

Assessment will be based on attendance and quality of participation.

*Condition of access*

To be enrolled at a Banking and Finance MSc course.

*Lenght*

14 hours (2 CFU).