STUDY UNIT CODE: ISS 5026
ASPECTS OF MICROECONOMICS AND MACROECONOMICS WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON SIZE AND INSULARITY FACTORS

Lecturers: Prof. Lino Briguglio and Ms. Stephanie Vella.
Credits Assigned: 16 ECTS
Semester: First semester

Method of Assessment:
• Course work assignments with a weighting of 30%
• Written examination with a weighting of 70%

Course Work Assignments: As course work, students will be expected to respond to 8 assignments set by the lecturer/s or tutor/s, by writing 8 essays (minimum 2000 words each) on subjects related to the main themes of study unit.

Course Description:
This study unit provides students with an advanced understanding of the special economic constraints faced by islands and small states. The course will cover the following topics:

Microeconomics
• The market mechanism
• The theory of costs with special reference to size factors
• Market structures, with reference to small domestic markets
• Demand and supply of factors of production in small markets
• Competition constraints in small economies
• Uncertainty and information

Macroeconomics
• Measuring aggregate economic activity
• The multiplier process in a small open economy
• The interaction between aggregate demand and aggregate supply in a small open economy
• The relationship between money, inflation and interest rates in a small open economy
• Exchange rate issues in small states
• Vulnerability and economic resilience

Reading:
Background Reading:

Other texts related to Small States