

Course Descriptions Master 2013-2014

Course Title Game Theory and Optimisation
 Course Code EBC4188
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment None

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2-9-2013	25-10-2013	X			X	

Level Advanced
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 Language of instruction English

Goals This course provides a comprehensive overview of optimization techniques such as linear and integer programming, and non-linear programming, with applications in game theory and economics. Students learn optimization techniques from mathematics and operations research, and how to apply them in models from game theory and economic theory.

Description Topics in optimization include duality theorems in LP, branch and bound and cutting plane algorithms in IP, Kuhn-Tucker conditions for NLP, and algorithms for shortest path problems and flow networks.
 Applications in game theory and economics include computation of Nash equilibrium in bimatrix games, selfish routing in networks and the price of anarchy, and non-emptiness of the core in assignment games and Owen production games.

Literature The course will be based on chapters from standard textbooks plus additional readers.
 Literature :
 Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest and Clifford Stein : Introduction to Algorithms, MIT Press.
 Hans Peters : Game Theory : A Multi-Leveled Approach, Springer-Verlag.
 David Luenberger and Yinyu Ye : Linear and Nonlinear Programming.

Recommended literature for background reading :
 Christos H. Papadimitriou and Kenneth Steiglitz : Combinatorial Optimization: Algorithms and Complexity.
 Laurence A. Wolsey and George L. Nemhauser : Integer and Combinatorial Optimization, John Wiley & Sons.

Prerequisites Only Master students can take this course. Exchange students need to have obtained a BSc degree in Economics, International Business, Econometrics, or a related topic. Familiarity with the basic concepts of optimization and linear programming will be helpful. A solid basis in mathematics and calculus is also recommendable.

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture
 Assessment methods Written Exam

Evaluation in previous academic year For the complete evaluation of this course please click <http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM>

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	Master Econometrics and OR	Econometrics
	Master Econometrics and OR	Mathematical Economics
	Master Econometrics and OR	Operations Research
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