

# Course Descriptions Exchange 2015-2016

Course Title Design of Tax Systems  
 Course Code EBC2017  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2015	18-12-2015	X				X	

Level Intermediate

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Language of instruction English

Goals Students will apply acquired economic competencies to the design of tax systems.

Description The course covers the main topics in the economics of taxation. The first aim is to provide a theoretical framework for thinking about tax policy. We consider both efficiency and distributional considerations and discuss how they can be optimally balanced in designing a tax system. This theoretical framework is then applied to (i) the major types of taxes, i.e., the personal income tax, the corporation income tax, taxes on consumption and taxes on wealth, and to (ii) a variety of other issues in taxation, such as tax evasion and deficit finance.

Literature Rosen, H.S. and T. Gayer, 2014. Public Finance, 10th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill/Irwin. Additional texts will be announced on Canvas .

Prerequisites Prerequisites for this course are an intermediate course in microeconomics and an intermediate course in public economics like EBC2127 or EBC2012.  
 An advanced level of English.

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation

Assessment methods Attendance / Participation / 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>

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics	Economics Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Economics Electives
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	Year 2-3 Compulsory Courses
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses