

Course Descriptions Master 2016-2017

Course Title Labour Economics
 Course Code EBC4206
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	31-10-2016	22-12-2016	C					

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals Participants will gain a solid knowledge of labour economics and acquire an understanding of the functioning of labour markets. There will be an emphasis on the interaction between theoretical and empirical modelling. Students will become competent to critically evaluate economic theory in light of empirical evidence.

Description The course sheds light on the employment decisions from the perspective of the firm and the worker. Topics that are covered in the course are the neoclassical labour supply model, labour demand, wages and employment determination with reference to labour market institutions (e.g. minimum wages, unemployment insurance, employment protection), search and matching theory, human capital theory, and the design of incentive schemes. There will be an emphasis on the interaction between theoretical and empirical modelling. Insights from state-of-the art empirical work will be discussed alongside theory.

Literature Journal articles; chapters from Cahuc and Zylberberg (2004)

Prerequisites Microeconomics I

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment

Assessment methods Final Paper / 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

Master Economic and Financial Research Track Econometrics	Development & Utilisation of Human Resources
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