

# Course Descriptions Master 2020-2021

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	26-10-2020	11-12-2020	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 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS BASED ON THE COURSE SETUP PRIOR TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE CRISIS, COURSE COORDINATORS MAY BE FORCED TO CHANGE THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS USED. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING/ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURSE SYLLABUS.  
 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 - Econometrics	Year 1 Elective Course(s)
Master Economic and Financial Research - Econometrics	Year 2 Elective Course(s)
Master Economic and Financial Research - No specialisation	Year 2 Elective Course(s)