

Course Descriptions Exchange 2020-2021

Course Title Institutions, Behaviour and Welfare
 Course Code EBC2015
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

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Level Intermediate
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 Language of instruction English
 Goals Acquiring a structured insight into the important role of institutions in the performance of the economy
 - Learning about the crucial roles of imperfect information, bounded rationality, transaction costs and property rights in the functioning of the economy
 - Being able to apply the above insights to real-life developments in the economy

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. Institutions have always been an important subject in economics. A relatively recent approach to the study of institutions in economics is the so-called New Institutional Economics (NIE). What is new in NIE as compared to the 'old' institutional economics is its emphasis on a firm theoretical foundation and systematic reasoning. It tries to analyse the role of institutions in society in a systematic and structured way, which is comparable to the structured approach of neoclassical economics. On the other hand, its themes are essentially different from those in neoclassical economics. One important theme of NIE are the impacts of imperfect information, bounded rationality and transaction costs. Transaction costs are 'the costs of running the economic system', like costs of search for information, bargaining, making and enforcing contracts, monitoring, etc. Another main theme of NIE are the effects and origins of property rights. For example, the care and effort that you spend on your apartment or house will strongly depend on whether you own or rent it. This course offers an introduction to the basic theories of transaction costs, property rights, and contracts, and applies these theories to the functioning and performance of markets, firms, and the state. Moreover, the roles of intrinsic motivation, trust, social norms, and endogenous preferences are highlighted.

Literature Articles and chapters from books
 Prerequisites Intermediate knowledge and understanding of microeconomics (level comparable to: course Microeconomics: Choices, Markets and Welfare) and macroeconomics (level comparable to: course Macroeconomics and Economic Policy)
 An advanced level of English

Teaching methods Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork
 Assessment methods 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

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| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics | Year 2 Compulsory Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 2 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 3 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | Year 2+3 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Micro |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Finance |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Marketing |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Org |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj SCM |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Strategy |
| Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research | Year 3 Elective Course(s) |
| SBE Exchange Bachelor | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Exchange Master | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses | Bachelor Courses |