

Course Descriptions Bachelor 2024-2025

Course Title Intermediate Microeconomics for Pre-master

Course Code EBC2197

ECTS Credits 6,5

Assessment Whole/Half Grades

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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Level Intermediate

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Language of instruction English

Goals

Description Economists study the production and allocation of scarce resources, and one of their primary tools for doing so is microeconomic analysis. This methodology starts from the idea that, within a given institutional framework, economic outcomes are the product of choices made by many different individuals. With the micro approach, economists first study individual decisions, then study how these decisions collectively lead to broader outcomes in society. In this course, you will be provided with tools to perform this kind of analysis, with an emphasis on the analysis of markets. For example, we will work closely with mathematical models of how consumers and producers respond to prices, as well as models of which prices they may face---both when the market is competitive and when it is not. We will also consider several criteria for comparing economic outcomes, and use them to assess various kinds of market regulations. Ultimately, this is a course about techniques. The purpose of this course is not to provide you with answers to questions of economic policy, but rather with the techniques to rigorously form your own questions and answers.

Literature Varian, H. (2009). Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (Eighth Edition). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company. OR Varian, H. (2014). Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (Ninth Edition). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company.

Prerequisites

Keywords

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Attendance / Written Exam / Presentation

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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| Pre-master Economics | Disciplinary Course(s) |
| Pre-master Human Decision Science | Disciplinary Course(s) |