# Course Descriptions None 2013-2014

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| Course Title | Economics and Sociology |
| Course Code | EBC2095 |
| ECTS Credits | 6,5 |
| Assessment | None |

Period

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| Level | Intermediate |
| Coordinator | Lex Borghans For more information:lex.borghans@maastrichtuniversity.nl |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | •to learn how social relations, norms, values, attitudes and institutions emerge and how they effect human behavior, both from an economic and a sociological point of view<br>•to apply the theories and concepts learned in the course to think about social issues, both from an economic and from a sociological point of view |
| Description | Economic behaviour is generally situated in a social environment. The course 'Economics and Sociology' focuses on the role played by social relations, norms, habits etc in economic life. Sociologists and psychologists have criticized the economic approach for not taking into account the influence of tradition, social norms and habits in economic analyzes. Economists claim that the economic approach is also useful in explaining human behaviour and social interactions in settings that are not traditionally covered by economics, such as marriage, education, religion, neighborhoods etc. and have responded to the critique of sociologists and psychologists by enriching their models to include psychological factors and interpersonal relations. In the course various topics at the borderline between economics and sociology are discussed looking at the difference in perspective that sociology/psychology and economics take. Topics covered are for example the division of labour, love and marriage, paternalism, etc. |
| Literature | A reading list containing a few classical papers and recent literature concerning the topics mentioned |
| Prerequisites | Intermediate level of economics<br>an advanced level of English |
| Teaching methods | PBL / Lecture |
| Assessment methods | Final Paper / Participation |
| 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 Specialisation International Business Economics | Economics Electives |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Economic Studies | Economics Electives |
| Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research | Business & Economics Electives |
| SBE Exchange Bachelor | Bachelor Courses |
| SBE Exchange Master | Bachelor Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses | Bachelor Courses |