Course Descriptions None 2014-2015

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

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	27-10-2014	19-12-2014	X		X		

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 •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 an advanced level of English
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture
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

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics	Economics Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Economics Electives
Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Business & Economics Electives
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses