

Course Descriptions None 2017-2018

Course Title Game Theory and Optimisation
 Course Code EBC4188
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	4-9-2017	27-10-2017	X			X	

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals This course provides a comprehensive overview of optimization techniques such as linear and integer programming, and non-linear programming, with applications in game theory and economics. Students learn optimization techniques from mathematics and operations research, and how to apply them in models from game theory and economic theory.

Description Topics in optimization include duality theorems in LP, branch and bound and cutting plane algorithms in IP, and Kuhn-Tucker conditions for NLP.

Topics in game theory and economics include computation of Nash equilibrium and refinements, selfish routing in networks and the price of anarchy, and non-emptiness of the core.

Literature The course will be based on chapters from standard textbooks plus additional readers.

Recommended literature for background reading :

Hans Peters : Game Theory : A Multi-Leveled Approach. Springer-Verlag.
 David Luenberger and Yinyu Ye : Linear and Nonlinear Programming.
 Stephen Boyd and Lieven Vandenberghe : Convex optimization. Cambridge University Press.
 Christos H. Papadimitriou and Kenneth Steiglitz : Combinatorial Optimization: Algorithms and Complexity.
 Laurence A. Wolsey and George L. Nemhauser : Integer and Combinatorial Optimization, John Wiley & Sons.
 Sebastian Bubeck (2015) : Algorithms and complexity. Foundations and trends in machine learning 8 (231-358).
 Roger Myerson : Game Theory : Analysis of Conflict. Harvard University Press.

Prerequisites Only Master students can take this course. Exchange students need to have obtained a BSc degree in Economics, International Business, Econometrics, or a related topic. Familiarity with the basic concepts of optimization and linear programming will be helpful. A solid basis in mathematics and calculus is also recommendable.

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture

Assessment methods 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>

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	Master Econometrics and OR	Econometrics
	Master Econometrics and OR	Mathematical Economics
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