

Course Descriptions None 2018-2019

Course Title	Public Economics																				
Course Code	EBC2012																				
ECTS Credits	6,5																				
Assessment	None																				
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Level	Intermediate																				
Coordinator	Christian Seel For more information:c.seel@maastrichtuniversity.nl																				
Language of instruction	English																				
Goals	Acquiring a structured insight into the important functions of the state in modern market economies Learning about the functioning and performance of the state and its interactions with markets Understand and critically reflect recent developments and discussions concerning issues of the public sector like health insurance, taxation, pension systems.																				
Description	This course provides basic knowledge of the functioning and the economic significance of the public sector with an emphasis on international aspects. Some of the topics to be dealt with in the course are: governmental decision-making on the national and international level, role and management of the state in times of globalisation and transnational threats like global warming and international terrorism, important issues pertaining to government expenditure, taxation, and activities (like public goods, international institutions, education, social security, health care), fiscal federalism (with an eye on European integration), and mechanisms of political influence (elections and lobbying). Those issues will be analysed from a normative - welfare economic - as well as from a positive - explanatory - perspective, with emphasis on the relevance and limitation of theory.																				
Literature	Textbook: Hindricks, Jean and Myles, Gareth D. (2013), Intermediate Public Economics, MIT Press. Gruber (2016). Public Finance and Public Policy, 5th Edition, Worth Publishers, New York. The literature might be subject to change.																				
Prerequisites	Students who enroll in this course should have knowledge and understanding of mathematics and microeconomics (in particular game theory, industrial organization, general equilibrium theory), at a level comparable to the second year economics course microeconomics. Exchange students need economics as a major and an advanced level of English to enroll in this course.																				
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture																				
Assessment methods	Participation / 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																				
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