# Course Descriptions None 2019-2020

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| Course Title | Public Economics |
| Course Code | EBC2012 |
| ECTS Credits | 6,5 |
| Assessment | None |

Period

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| Level | Intermediate |
| Coordinator | Max Löffler For more information:m.loeffler@maastrichtuniversity.nl |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | Acquiring a structured insight into the important functions of the state in modern market economies<br>Learning about the functioning and performance of the state and its interactions with markets<br>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.<br>Gruber (2016). Public Finance and Public Policy, 5th Edition, Worth Publishers, New York.<br>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 |

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

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| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics | Year 2 Compulsory Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 2 Elective Course(s) - Period 2 |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 3 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | Year 2+3 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Micro |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Finance |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Marketing |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Org |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj SCM |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Strategy |
| SBE Exchange Bachelor | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Exchange Master | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses | Bachelor Courses |