Course Descriptions None 2020-2021

Course Title	Behavioural Economics (IB/IBE)
Course Code	EBC2080
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	31-8-2020	16-10-2020		X			X

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Thomas Meissner For more information:t.meissner@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The goal of the course is to provide the students with the necessary sensitivity when applying theoretical models. After the course students should be able to identify the most important concepts describing reasons why humans deviate from behaviour predicted by the commonly used model of the homo oeconomicus.
Description	PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS BASED ON THE COURSE SETUP PRIOR TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE CRISIS, COURSE COORDINATORS MAY BE FORCED TO CHANGE THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS USED. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING/ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURSE SYLLABUS. The traditional model of the homo oeconomicus is ubiquitous in microeconomic theory. Economic agents are assumed to be rational utility maximizers with self-regarding preferences and unlimited processing capacities. Common sense and the results of experiments show that this is not always the case. Often people behave differently than predicted by theory. In the course, we will deal with the following problem statements: 1) When does microeconomic theory apply and when does it lose its predictive power? 2.) If it does not apply, what concepts and models can be used to either extend or to substitute the current theory in order to describe human behaviour? Specifically we will discuss the following issues: - Non-expected utility theory, - Intertemporal choice - Social preferences, - Reciprocity, - Levels of analytical reasoning - The role of mistakes In addition, we will touch on the following topics: - Mental accounting - Heuristics - Neuroeconomics
Literature	There is no one textbook that will cover the course. References and papers will be made available to the students at the beginning of the course.
Prerequisites	Microeconomics · Ability and willingness to think analytically While the course seeks to critic the standard microeconomic theory, this will done in a constructive manner. That is, we will investigate in detail why the standard model might fail, and what extensions or alternative might be used instead. Consequently, we will use, and develop further, the formal tools of analysis you would have learned from your second year microeconomics course. In addition: · Basic game theory is helpful, but not necessary (simple equilibrium concepts such as (pure and mixed strategy) Nash equilibrium and subgame perfect Nash equilibrium). · Exchange students need to major in Business. an advanced level of English
Teaching methods	PBL
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 - Emerging Markets	Year 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
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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
Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting
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