Course Descriptions None 2020-2021

Course Title	Economic Analysis of Behaviour
Course Code	EBC4237
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	1-2-2021	26-3-2021	X			X	

Level	Advanced
Coordinator	Trudie Schils For more information:t.schils@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	Understand how social issues can be analysed theoretically from an economic perspective. Being able to describe behaviour in terms of choices people make (trade-offs) and market interactions that exist. Acquiring skills for developing a theoretical economic model.
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. In many areas of life, such as education and learning at work, many trade-offs exist and decisions have to be made. People have to choose a school, a specialization and a field of study. Schools have to decide about the content of their curriculum, class size and selection criteria. Firms might consider to offer traineeships, and training courses. And the government has to decide about the structure of the educational system, its financing and how to monitor this. The main aim of this course is to understand such complex problems and to formulate them as an economic model. Economics comprises a powerful and flexible set of tools that can be applied to analyse the consequences of social forces and market behaviour to get to grips with such problems.
Literature	Several articles (will be announced through Canvas and course manual)
Prerequisites	Required knowledge for this course is a basic understanding of economic models and elementary knowledge of mathematics. Students must be able to derive the maximum of a function. A bachelor degree in economics or a related field would be a perfect start for this course.
Keywords	
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Assignment
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

Master Economics - Education and Labour Economics	Compulsory Course(s)
Master Economics - No specialisation	Elective Course(s)
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses