Course Descriptions None 2022-2023

Course Title	Understanding Society
Course Code	EBC2029
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	17-4-2023	9-6-2023					

Level	Introductory
Coordinator	Steffen Kuenn For more information:s.kuenn@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	* Applying economic theory to social phenomena, * Developing skills in assessing the validity of claims based on empirical research.
Description	PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. A RE-EMERGENCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS AND NEW COUNTERMEASURES BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT MIGHT FORCE COORDINATORS 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. Marriage, social relations, crime, family life and religion are all important social phenomena. The behaviour of people in these social contexts has major consequences for society. These social phenomena were traditionally outside the scope of economists, but are increasingly entering their field of research. The course "Understanding Society" uses economic theories and empirical research to analyse these social phenomena. Students learn to understand and analyse a wide range of social phenomena from an economic point of view and to assess the validity of claims based on empirical research.
Literature	Several empirical and theoretical articles
Prerequisites	This course is in transition. The following rule applies to bachelor Economics and Business Economics students with the Economics specialisation who started the programme prior to academic year 2020/21. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC2029): Students who did not pass the course EBC2029 can register "exam only", or replace it with "Labour Economics" (EBC2173). See the Transitional Regulations section in the Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations for more information.
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture
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

Transitional Regulations	See prerequisites