Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

Course Title	Economic Psychology
Course Code	EBC2103
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	28-10-2024	15-12-2024	X			X	

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Peter Werner For more information:p.werner@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	Acquiring a structured insight into the important roles of psychological factors and processes in judgment and decision-making of economic agents Learning about the relations between psychology and economics Learning about practical implications of insights into behavioral regularities
Description	Increasingly, economists are discovering insights from psychology as a means to enrich their models of economic behaviour. The importance of this is illustrated by the fact that the Nobel prize winner in economics in 2002 was the distinguished psychologist Daniel Kahneman. He characterizes his research as a quest for the 'logic of the irrational'. Adam Smith already recognized that economic, just like other, behaviour is motivated by an intriguing blend of 'rational' considerations and 'irrational' sentiments. The great challenge is to investigate the implications of the latter motives for economics. This course aims to give an intensive introduction into this field. After a review of basic principles of rational decision-making under uncertainty, the first part of the course gives an overview of psychological research related to judgment and decision-making. Examples include insights from psychology on how decision-makers assess probabilities and how they evaluate the outcomes resulting from their decisions. Actual patterns of judgment and decision-making are compared to basic principles of rational decision-making in order to detect systematic behavioral regularities and biases of real decision-makers. The second part of the course deals with examples of how psychological regularities influence economic decision-making in the field and the importance of these regularities for law and policy. Finally, the course gives an introduction to the field of neuroeconomics.
Literature	Articles and chapters from books
Prerequisites	This course is in transition for the bachelor Fiscal Economics. See the Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations for more information. The following rule applies to bachelor Fiscal Economics students. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC2103): The bachelor Fiscal Economics has been discontinued. There will be repeat education for year 1 and year 2 courses up to and including academic year 2025-2026 and exam-only up to and including academic year 2026-2027. For year 3 courses there will be repeat education up to and including 2026-2027 and exam-only up to and including academic year 2027-2028. Whether a course is in transition, cancelled, or replaced may depend on the cohort you are in. Sometimes there are additional criteria. It is therefore very important to carefully read the EER and any addendum so you can apply the rules to your individual situation. PREREQUISITES: Basic understanding of microeconomics (level comparable to: course Economics and Business), probability theory and mathematics (level comparable to course QM2) An advanced level of English
Teaching methods	Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork
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

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 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
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	Annex 1 Electives
Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Finance
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Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj SCM
Bachelor International Business	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