Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	History of Economic Thought
Course Code	EBC2153
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	13-4-2026	5-6-2026	X			X	

Level	Advanced
Coordinator	Kristof Bosmans, Julian Ashwin For more information:k.bosmans@maastrichtuniversity.nl; julian.ashwin@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The course has various objectives. First of all, it enables the student to understand the history of their field of study, economics. Second, it gives the student another chance to learn about economics, to see how economic theories have been developing and how they are improved upon (and sometimes are not). Third, it shows the student how theories fit into the proper historical and economic context. Economics is a social science and therefore adapts to the current issues and needs within society. Fourth, the course gives the student the opportunity to learn from the greatest thinkers of economic science. How did they see the world and how did they analyze the economic problems they were faced with? Finally, the course improves critical thinking by setting past and current economic theories in their proper perspective.
Description	The course History of Economic Thought gives the student a broad overview of the history of economics as a science. We will visit the major schools of economic thought and many of the greatest economic thinkers in history. We will study their contributions, taking into account the proper historical context. The course will emphasize not only the strengths of the theories, but also their deficiencies and the various ways in which other economists have dealt with these deficiencies.
Literature	To be announced.
Prerequisites	Knowledge and understanding of first year and second year microeconomics and macroeconomics (intermediate level).
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS <ul class="trcohorts"> - Bachelor Fiscal Economics - In 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered. - In 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered. - From 2028-2029 onwards, the course is cancelled. <table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2024-2025 - 2026-2027</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>2027-2028</td><td> </td><td>X</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>2028-2029 onwards</td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table>
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Papers
Assessment methods	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 - Economics	Year 3 Economics Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Courses
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	In transition - Year 3 Elective Courses
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses