

# Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title                    Labour Economics  
 Course Code                    EBC2173  
 ECTS Credits                    6,5  
 Assessment                      Whole/Half Grades

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

Level                              no level  
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 Language of instruction        English

Goals                              \* Understanding the micro- and macro-economic foundation of labour markets  
    \* Understanding the role and impact of different labour market institutions  
    \* Understanding recent developments and policies with respect to labour markets such as technological change, discrimination, immigration, gender and income inequality  
    \* Being able to critically discuss empirical labour market studies

Description                      People generate a large share of their income through working. The labour market is therefore a very crucial market in the economy, with important social consequences for unemployment, poverty, income inequality, gender differences. However, the labour market does not function as perfectly as assumed in most macro- and micro-economic models and there are many institutions influencing the functioning of the labour market, because of its social consequences. In this course, these imperfect labour markets and their institutions are studied to obtain a better understanding on how labour markets function and fail, and how certain policies can affect people lives.

Literature                        Tito Boeri and Jan van Ours, The Economics of Imperfect Labor Markets.

Prerequisites                    <ul><li>Intermediate knowledge in macro- and microeconomic theory.</li><li>Introductory level of statistics.</li><li>An advanced level of English.</li></ul>

Keywords                         Labour economics; institutions; income inequality

Transitional Regulations       <div class="trreg"><div class="subtitle">TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS</div><ul class="trcohorts"><li>Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information [2024-2025 or earlier]</li><li>Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics [2024-2025 or earlier]</li></ul><ol><li>From 2025-2026 onwards, education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.<br />Alternative options may be available. See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information.</li></ol><table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2025-2026 onwards</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td><br />See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information</td></tr></tbody></table></div><div class="trreg"><div class="subtitle">TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS</div><ul class="trcohorts"><li>Bachelor Fiscal Economics</li></ul><ol><li>In 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.</li><li>In 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered.</li></ol><table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><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>&nbsp;</td></tr><tr><td>2027-2028</td><td>&nbsp;</td><td>X</td><td>&nbsp;</td></tr><tr><td>2028-2029 onwards</td><td>&nbsp;</td><td>&nbsp;</td><td>&nbsp;</td></tr></tbody></table></div>

Teaching methods              PBL / Groupwork  
 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

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|---|---|
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics                               | Year 2 Compulsory Courses                       |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets                        | Year 2 Disciplinary Courses                     |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets                        | Year 3 Elective Courses                         |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | In transition - Year 2+3 Elective Courses       |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | Year 3 Economics Elective                       |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | Year 3 Free Elective                            |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Accounting - Economics Elec |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Finance - Economics Elec    |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Inf Mgmt - Economics Elec   |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Macro - Core Courses        |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Marketing - Economics Elec  |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Org - Economics Elec        |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj SCM - Economics Elec        |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | In transition - Maj Strategy - Economics Elec   |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics        | Year 3 Economics Elective                       |
| 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                                |