# Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

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| Course Title | Society Through the Lens of Economists |
| Course Code | EBC2194 |
| ECTS Credits | 6,5 |
| Assessment | Whole/Half Grades |

Period

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| Level | Intermediate |
| Coordinator | Steffen Kuenn For more information:s.kuenn@maastrichtuniversity.nl |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | * Being able to analyse a wide range of social phenomena from an economic point of view<br>* Understand how economic theory explains individuals' behaviour, institutions, and society in general<br>* Being able to read and evaluate empirical research analysing these issues<br>* Understand basic econometric tools with which empirical claims about causality can be established |
| Description | Discrimination, crime, marriage, fertility, education or religion are all examples for key parts of our societies. The behaviour of people and the design of institutions in these social contexts has major consequences for the society (including policy and the economy as a whole). Economists claim that the economic approach is useful in explaining human behaviour and social interactions in such settings and hence helps to better understand the functioning of societies. This in turn will help to design policies helping to achieve societal goals. This course will analyse different social phenomena through the lens of economists. It trains students to understand and analyse a wide range of social phenomena from an economic point of view and to investigate and interpret these issues empirically. In particular, students are given a thorough understanding of how social phenomena can be analysed from an economic perspective and they get an introduction to econometric tools with which empirical claims about causality can be established. |
| Literature | A selection of academic articles. |
| Prerequisites | <ul><li>Basic understanding of economic theory and quantitative methods.</li><li>An advanced level of English.</li></ul> |
| Keywords | |
| Transitional Regulations | TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS <ul class="trcohorts"><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;"><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>2025-2026 onwards</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information</td></tr></tbody></table> |
| Teaching methods | PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment |
| Assessment methods | Attendance / Written Exam / Assignment |
| 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 3 Economics Electives |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 3 Elective Courses |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information | Year 3 Economics 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 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 Econometrics and Operations Research | Year 3 Elective Courses |
| Bachelor Fiscal Economics | Annex 1 Electives |
| SBE Exchange Bachelor | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Exchange Master | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses | Bachelor Courses |