

Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title Managing Inequality
 Course Code EBC4277
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	2-2-2026	27-3-2026		X			X

Level Intermediate/Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals
 1. Learning goals: Identify and connect different inequalities in society and explain the economics behind it
 2. Analyse the reasons why such inequalities arise, and the connection between them
 3. Being able to develop and evaluate policy tools that can be used to mitigate the causes and/or consequences of inequality
 4. Being able to read and evaluate empirical research analysing these issues

Description
 This course studies examples of how inequality must be understood in terms of its causes and consequences and how it can be managed by policy (if necessary). Therefore, the course consists of case studies analysing different inequalities with respect to their causes, consequences, and policy tools. Examples of case studies are inequalities in the labour market (e.g. gender, discrimination), education, or health, as well as income inequality between countries or regions and over time, and climate change resulting in intergenerational and interregional inequality.

Literature Academic articles.

Prerequisites
 The course requires students to have a good understanding of economic models (utility and growth theory) and experimental as well as quantitative methods.

Keywords

Transitional Regulations

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Attendance / Assignment / 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

Master Economics - Inequality and Social Inclusion	Core Courses
Master Economics - Sustainable and Resilient Economies	Elective Courses
Master Economics - Technology, Markets, and Societal Change	Elective Courses
Master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets	Elective Courses
Master Human Decision Science	Elective Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses