

# Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	Managing Inequality																
Course Code	EBC4277																
ECTS Credits	6,5																
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades																
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Level	Intermediate/Advanced																
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Language of instruction	English																
Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learning goals: Identify and connect different inequalities in society and explain the economics behind it</li> <li>2. Analyse the reasons why such inequalities arise, and the connection between them</li> <li>3. Being able to develop and evaluate policy tools that can be used to mitigate the causes and/or consequences of inequality</li> <li>4. Being able to read and evaluate empirical research analysing these issues</li> </ol>																
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	<p>&lt;div class="trreg"&gt;&lt;ul class="trcohorts"&gt;&lt;li&gt;Master Economics - Inequality and Social Inclusion [2025-2026 and earlier]&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;Master Economics - Sustainable and Resilient Economies [2025-2026 and earlier]&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;Master Economics - Technology, Markets, and Societal Change [2025-2026 and earlier]&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ul&gt;&lt;ol&gt;&lt;li&gt;In 2026-2027 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;In 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;From 2028-2029 onwards, the course is cancelled.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ol&gt;&lt;p&gt;Note that from 2026-2027 onwards, EBC4273 "Systemic Risk and Sustainability", or EBC4276 "Inequality, Fairness and Policy Goals" is offered as a replacement course.&lt;/p&gt;&lt;table&gt;&lt;col style="width: 200px;"&gt;&lt;col style="width: 120px;"&gt;&lt;col style="width: 120px;"&gt;&lt;col&gt;&lt;thead&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;Academic Year&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Education&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Exam/Resit&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Replacement(s)&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/thead&gt;&lt;tbody&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2026-2027&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;EBC4273 "Systemic Risk and Sustainability", or EBC4276 "Inequality, Fairness and Policy Goals"&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2027-2028&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;EBC4273 "Systemic Risk and Sustainability", or EBC4276 "Inequality, Fairness and Policy Goals"&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2028-2029 onwards&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;EBC4273 "Systemic Risk and Sustainability", or EBC4276 "Inequality, Fairness and Policy Goals"&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/tbody&gt;&lt;/table&gt;&lt;/div&gt;</p> <p>&lt;div class="trreg"&gt;&lt;ul class="trcohorts"&gt;&lt;li&gt;Master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets [2025-2026 and earlier] &lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;Master Human Decision Science [2025-2026 and earlier]&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ul&gt;&lt;ol&gt;&lt;li&gt;In 2026-2027 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;In 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;From 2028-2029 onwards, the course is cancelled.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ol&gt;&lt;table&gt;&lt;col style="width: 200px;"&gt;&lt;col style="width: 120px;"&gt;&lt;col style="width: 120px;"&gt;&lt;col&gt;&lt;thead&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;Academic Year&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Education&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Exam/Resit&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;Replacement(s)&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/thead&gt;&lt;tbody&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2026-2027&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2027-2028&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;X&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2028-2029 onwards&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&amp;nbsp;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/tbody&gt;&lt;/table&gt;&lt;/div&gt;</p>																
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Assessment methods	Final Paper / Attendance / Assignment / Presentation																
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click <a href="http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM">http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM</a>																
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