

# Course Descriptions Exchange 2020-2021

Course Title Education and Labour Economics  
 Course Code EBC4236  
 ECTS Credits 5,0  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2020	11-12-2020			X		X	

Level Advanced  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals Participants will acquire knowledge of economics of education, and economic theories of labour and skill formation. Students will acquire knowledge about the measurement of skills, how such measures can be used for educational policy and their limitations.

Description PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS BASED ON THE COURSE SETUP PRIOR TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE CRISIS, COURSE COORDINATORS MAY BE FORCED TO CHANGE THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS USED. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING/ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURSE SYLLABUS.<br /><br />In education and at work people acquire the skills that they need to proceed at school and are valuable for them throughout their career. In this course we discuss, based on economics of education and economic theories of labour and skill formation what determines these decisions, how they affect individual development and productivity, and how they provide the flexibility that is needed to cope with the ongoing changes in the labour market. Such theories include human capital theory, school choice, supply and demand in the labor market and theories of technical change.. We also discuss how the relevant skills can be measured, how such measures can inform policy but also how the limitations of such measures affect decision about skill formation. Topics that are covered include inequality in the labour market, life long learning, gender wage gaps, non-cognitive skills, school choice and technological change.

Literature

Prerequisites

Keywords

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

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 - Education and Labour Economics	Compulsory Course(s)
Master Economics - No specialisation	Elective Course(s)
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses