

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - School of Business and Economics

Program(s)

Business and Economics, Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Economics

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

ECON & SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the role played by social relations, norms, and habits in economic life. Other social scientists have criticized the economic approach for not taking into account the influence of tradition, social norms, and habits in economic analyses. Economists claim that the social economic approach is also useful in explaining human behavior and social interactions in settings that are not traditionally covered by economics, such as marriage, education, religion, neighborhoods etc. and have responded to the critique of sociologists by enriching their models to include institutions, psychological factors, and social processes. In the course, various topics at the borderline between economics and sociology are discussed by comparing empirical papers and looking at the difference in perspective that sociologists and economists take. Topics covered include the division of labor, love and marriage, education, etc. Prerequisites for this course are an intermediate level of economics (concepts as utility maximization, scarcity, efficiency, and knowledge on the emergence of the discipline of economics), an advanced level of English (lectures, tutorials, reading material, and all course work is in English), and an intermediate level of statistical methods (concepts as independent and dependent variables, OLS regressions, significance levels, R²).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EBC2095

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Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

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