COURSE DETAIL

PUBLIC ECONOMICS

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)
Economics

UCEAP Course Number
138

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
PUBLIC ECONOMICS

UCEAP Transcript Title
PUBLIC ECONOMICS

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

The goals of this course are to (i) acquire a structured insight into the important role of the state in modern market economies, (ii) learn about the functioning and performance of the state and its interactions with markets, and (iii) understand and critically reflect upon recent developments and discussions concerning issues of the public sector like inequality, taxation, or climate protection. The topics include (i) taxation, redistribution, inequality, poverty, and fairness, (ii) market failures such as incomplete information, public goods, and externalities, as well as (iii) political decision-making and elections. These topics are analyzed from a normative (welfare economic) as well as from a positive (explanatory) perspective, with emphasis on the relevance and limitation of traditional economic theory.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
EBC2012

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Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty
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Host Institution Degree

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