

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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Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

School of Business and Economics

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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