

# 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

This course provides basic knowledge of the functioning and the economic significance of the public sector with an emphasis on international aspects. Some of the topics dealt with in the course are: governmental decision-making on the national and international level, role and management of the state in times of globalization and transnational threats like global warming and international terrorism, important issues pertaining to government expenditure, taxation, and activities (like public goods, international institutions, education, social security, health care), fiscal federalism (with an eye on European integration), and mechanisms of political influence (elections and lobbying). Those issues are analyzed from a normative welfare economic and a positive explanatory perspective, with emphasis on the relevance and limitation of theory. Students who enroll in this course should have knowledge and understanding of mathematics and microeconomics (in particular game theory, industrial organization, general equilibrium theory), at a level comparable to the second year economics course microeconomics.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

EBC2012

## Host Institution Course Title

PUBLIC ECONOMICS

## Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

School of Business and Economics

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