

# COURSE DETAIL

## DECISION AND SOCIAL CHOICE

**Country**

Singapore

**Host Institution**

National University of Singapore

**Program(s)**

National University of Singapore

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

149

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

DECISION & CHOICE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

"This course is an introduction to decision and social choice theory. The first half introduces the theory of expected utility, according to which rational actions maximise the probability of desirable consequences. The second half introduces utilitarianism, according to which the right action is one which maximises the satisfaction of desire for the population at large. Both theories are controversial for their highly quantitative nature, their demanding conception of rationality and rightness, their insensitivity to risk and inequality, their prioritization of ends over means, and their tenuous relationship to actual human behaviour and morality. These controversies are discussed."

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

PH3249

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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