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 DECISION AND SOCIAL CHOICE
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

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