

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO US ECONOMIC INEQUALITY I

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Free University of Berlin

**Program(s)**

Free University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics American Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

138

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO US ECONOMIC INEQUALITY I

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

US ECON INEQUALITY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This course reviews and analyzes various aspects of economic inequality. Household heterogeneities related to credit restrictions, indebtedness, or marginal propensities to consume out of different sources of income or wealth are important to explain aggregate consumption behavior. Measures that directly aim to affect inequality at the aggregate level, such as wealth taxes, inheritance taxes etc., are often perceived as detrimental to economic efficiency. The course discusses key concepts of the economics discipline such as economic efficiency and welfare as they often are building blocks for economic advice on policy measures. This course sheds light on the trade-offs and distributional consequences of macroeconomic policies and trains students to explicitly articulate the underlying value assumptions. Students should have introductory knowledge in economics and statistics.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

32702

### **Host Institution Course Title**

INTRODUCTION TO US ECONOMIC INEQUALITY I

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

JOHN F. KENNEDY-INSTITUT FÜR NORDAMERIKASTUDIEN

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

John-F-Kennedy-Institut für Nordamerikastudien

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