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

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Faculty
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Host Institution Degree

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