

## COURSE DETAIL

### SOCIETY THROUGH THE LENS OF ECONOMISTS

**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)**

Sociology Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

114

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

SOCIETY THROUGH THE LENS OF ECONOMISTS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOCIETY THRU ECON

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

Discrimination, crime, marriage, fertility, education, or religion are all examples of key parts of our societies. The behavior of people and the design of institutions in these social contexts have major consequences for society (including policy and the economy as a whole). Economists claim that the economic approach is useful in explaining human behavior and social interactions in such settings and hence helps to better understand the functioning of societies. This in turn helps to design policies helping to achieve societal goals. This course analyzes different social phenomena through the lens of economists. It trains students to understand and analyze a wide range of social phenomena from an economic point of view and to investigate and interpret these issues empirically. In particular, students are given a thorough understanding of how social phenomena can be analyzed from an economic perspective and they get an introduction to econometric tools with which empirical claims about causality can be established.

PREREQUISITES: Basic understanding of economic theory and quantitative methods, an advanced level of English.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

EBC2194

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### Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

### Host Institution Faculty

School of Business and Economics

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

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