

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

131

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHILOSOPHY OF ECON

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

The philosophy of economics investigates what distinguishes economics as its own discipline, addressing questions about the distinctiveness of the subject matter and the metaphysical, epistemological, and ethical status of its assumptions and methods. In particular, the course examines the core philosophical commitments from the formative stages of the discipline's development which endure and continue to undergird modern economic theory. As such, the course emphasizes the classical theory that guided the development of economics as a discipline, with a focus on the divergence—oftentimes drastic and premonitory—from the philosophical commitments of other social sciences, in particular sociology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL2802

Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Arts

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Humanities

Course Last Reviewed

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