

# COURSE DETAIL

## PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Bristol

**Program(s)**

University of Bristol

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

137

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

N

**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PHIL OF ECONOMICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

This course offers an introduction to conceptual and philosophical issues raised in modern economics. By employing core theories and discussions from the philosophy of science, political philosophy, and ethics, students ask questions about the nature, scientific status, and implicit value assumptions in economics. For example: What is science and rigor, and how does it relate to economics? Can there be laws of economics? What is utility, and how does it relate to well-being? What is the role of models in economics? What are the normative assumptions implicit in economic research? How are ethical issues related to economics, and can economists incorporate value judgements? Can economics be associated with wider social justice?

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ECON30016

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Economics

### **Course Last Reviewed**

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