

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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