

## Economics (B001173)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 3.0**                      **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026**

B (semester 1)                      Dutch                      Gent                      lecture

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

Albrecht, Johan                      EB21                      lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Bachelor of Laws in Laws](#)                      **crdts**                      **offering**

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**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

markets, welfare, economic growth, technology, external effects, sustainability

**Position of the course**

This course wants to provide insight into economic analysis and into the building blocks of economics as a scientific discipline. After the introductory welfare analysis and overview of economic schools, we analyse current economic developments with special attention for economic growth and inequality, the role of markets versus government, the crisis as a Minsky moment, globalisation, external effects, sustainability, technology and innovation.

**Contents**

The chapters are constructed from an conceptual perspective, without less essential mathematical elaborations. The interactions between technology, economy and society provide the central theme of the course. The contribution of economic analysis in understanding societal problems and challenges is always highlighted.

**Initial competences**

No specific prior economic knowledge is required

**Final competences**

- 1 Understanding and using the building blocks of economic analysis (cost-benefit analysis, marginal analysis, efficiency).
- 2 Understanding the linkages between economic parameters and economic developments.
- 3 Understanding the interactions between the economy, technologies and society.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

**Teaching methods**

Lecture, Independent work

**Study material**

Type: Handbook

Name: Oikonomia: Inzicht in Economie

Indicative price: € 45

Optional: no

Author : Johan Albrecht en Bruno Merlevede

ISBN : 978-9-08931-909-8

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

### References

Ha-Joon Chan (2014). Economics; the user's guide

Jean Tirole (2017). 'Economics for the Common Good', Princeton University Press

### Course content-related study coaching

#### Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

#### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

#### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

#### Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

#### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

#### Extra information on the examination methods

Written exam

#### Calculation of the examination mark