

Economics (K000871)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	independent work	0.0h
			lecture	0.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Baert, Stijn

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Science in Communication Science](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Sociology](#)

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Economics; Markets

Position of the course

This course unit offers students an overview of the key concepts and essential lines of reasoning in economics. This acquired knowledge enables them to understand economic articles in newspapers, magazines and policy texts, but also contributes to a better understanding of other course units.

This course unit opts for different teaching formats, where a limited number of lectures, which focus on the more analytical and quantitative aspects of the subject matter, are complemented by guided self-study of the more descriptive sections.

Contents

- A.1. Welfare and market equilibrium
- A.2. Needs, desires, models and images
- A.3. The economic schools
- A.4. GDP and the impact of the government
- A.5. Growth and inequality
- A.6. Business cycle and macroeconomic policy
- A.7. The crisis as a Minsky moment
- A.8. Firms
- A.9. Markets
- A.10. Capita selecta
- B. Introduction to research in economics

Initial competences

The general level of education that may be expected from students leaving secondary education. No prior knowledge is required.

Final competences

- 1 To understand the essence of economic analysis (e.g., cost-benefit-weighting,

principle of marginality and attention to efficiency) applied to different social problems

- 2 To understand the most important economic relations and to be able to integrate social problems in these relations
- 3 To be able to connect the science of economics to social-political opinions
- 4 Autonomously assimilate new academic knowledge.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Interactive lecture with computer presentations
Q&A lectures
Guided self-study, with knowledge clips and electronic self-tests
Participation in and discussion on scientific research

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Oikonomia (Dutch)
Indicative price: € 61
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Author : Johan Albrecht en Bruno Merlevede
ISBN : 978-9-46393-707-8
Number of Pages : 512
Alternative : The subject matter is fully delineated by this textbook and two short PowerPoint presentations on economic research.
Oldest Usable Edition : 2019
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : Yes
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally
Additional information: The subject matter is fully delineated by this textbook and two short PowerPoint presentations on economic research.

References

Albrecht, J., Merlevede, B. (2025). Oikonomia. Brussels:
Borgerhoff & Lamberigts. EAN-nummer 9789463937078

Course content-related study coaching

1. Students can contact the lecturer-in-charge regarding any content-related questions; he is available before, during and after the lectures, and can be contacted by e-mail (following modalities that are mentioned at the start of the course)
2. Self-tests and knowledge clips are made available on Ufora
3. A mock examination is made available on Ufora and discussed during the last course day
4. Four Q&A sessions are organised during the semester

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

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Written examination with open questions and multiple-choice questions

2 bonus points can be gathered via four (electronic) self-tests

Students will be able to choose between different examination questions for part A. 9 of the subject matter

Calculation of the examination mark

The periodic assessment (the written examination) is scored on 100% (i.e. 20) of the points

An additional 0.5 bonus points can be earned per self-test. These bonus points are automatically transferred to the second exam period (there is no retake)

Total scores above 20 are automatically reduced to 20

Facilities for Working Students

The course lends itself well to self-study since there is no compulsory attendance.

The number of ex cathedra lectures is limited to six. Moreover, the subject matter is completely delineated by a textbook and two short PowerPoint presentations on economic research. Most of the aforementioned elements of tutoring are perfectly accessible to working students.