

Economics (F000758)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

Bachelor of Arts in History

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences

5

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Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geomatics

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Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

6

A

Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology(main subject Chemistry)

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A

Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject (Bio)Organic and Polymer Chemistry)

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Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject Analytical and Environmental Chemistry)

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A

Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject Materials and Nano Chemistry)

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Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology

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A

Master of Science in Computer Science

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A

Master of Science in Geology

5

A

Master of Science in Mathematics

5

A

Master of Science in Physics and Astronomy

5

A

Master of Arts in Multilingual Business Communication

3

A

Micro-credential Economics and Business Administration

5

A

Micro-credential Principles of Economics

5

A

Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Advanced

5

A

Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Foundations

5

A

Linking Course Master of Science in Urbanism and Spatial Planning

5

A

Preparatory Course Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Business Economics(main subject Business Economics)

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A

Preparatory Course Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Business Economics(main subject Taxation)

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A

Preparatory Course Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Economics

5

A

Elective Set Business Economics

5

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Elective Set Economics

5

A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Introduction to economics

Position of the course

The course aims to explain the basic principles and phenomena of economics. The purpose is to offer students the economic tools to get a better understanding of the economic environment in which companies, households, and governments operate. The course focuses both on traditional economic tools as well as recent economic trends.

The course first introduces traditional welfare analysis and provides a brief overview of the history of economic thought. The course then covers recent topics such as growth and inequality, governments versus markets, globalization, sustainability, and innovation.

Contents

Introduction
Markets and welfare
History of economic thought
GDP and the government
Growth and inequality
Business cycles and macroeconomic policy
Firm behaviour
Markets and competition
Globalisation
Sustainable development and externalities
Technology and innovation

Initial competences

No prior knowledge or attitudes required, given the introductory nature of the course

Final competences

- 1 Knowledge of a number of fundamental economic mechanisms and the ability to apply this knowledge.
- 2 Understand and analyse economic development

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

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Oikonomia Inzicht in Economie
Indicative price: € 50
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Author : Johan Albrecht, Bruno Merlevede
ISBN : 978-9-08931-909-8
Number of Pages : 503

Type: Slides

Name: slides
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Available on Ufora : Yes

Additional information: slides in powerpoint format available via Ufora, limited printing costs if students want to print a physical copy

References

Any good basic handbook on economics

Course content-related study coaching

Students can always address questions to the professor (or assistant) in class or by E-mail. If desired by the students one or two collective sessions on submitted questions can be organized.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions

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 with multiple choice questions, standard setting for score

Calculation of the examination mark