



SYLLABUS



Course: **Economic and Social Policy**
Level of Study: **3rd year Bachelors (international)**
Semester: **6**
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Exam: **Final written exam (2 hours)**

ECTS: **4**

Lectures: **30 hours**

Course objectives and organisation

The objective of this course is to present multiple and interrelated aspects of economic and social policy in the context of a global economy. The course discusses the many challenges faced by governments around the world, such as economic and demographic growth (and decline), economic and social (in)equality, poverty, sustainable development and environmental issues. It seeks in particular to confront the policies implemented with the real economic and social data that measure their effects. This course draws international comparisons and highlights the many geopolitical factors that also influence policy.

Prerequisites

The fundamentals of economics learned in the first two years of Bachelors, as well as a very good level of English.

Content

Introduction

I. Economic Recession and Policy

1. Macroeconomic analysis
2. Policies adopted
3. Emerging from the crisis

II. Structural Reforms

4. Growth and productivity
5. Production and labor markets
6. Demographic shifts and social safety net

III. Welfare Economics and Policy

7. Economic growth and equality
8. Eradicating poverty
9. Sustainable development and environmental issues

Reading list

Mankiw, *Principles of Economics*.
IMF, World Economic Outlook reports.
Regular reading of *The Economist*.