

Transport Economics and Policy (B001514)

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

Credits	3.0	Study time	90 h	Contact hrs	30.0 h
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 1)	English	lecture	30.0 h
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Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

Witlox, Frank	WE12	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

Master of Science in Maritime Science	crdts	offering
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Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Transport economics, transport policy

Position of the course

The course aims to help students in developing conceptual insights in transport economics and transport policy.

Contents

The following topics will be discussed:

1. Movement, transport & location
2. The demand for transport
3. Modelling the demand for transport
4. The direct costs of transport
5. The indirect costs of transport
6. Pricing of transport services
7. The nature of markets and public intervention
8. From economics to transport policy

Initial competences

Having a basic knowledge of economics

Final competences

- 1 Having insight in transport economics and transport policy
- 2 Being able to discuss and analyse topics that have a relation to transport, movement, location issues
- 3 Having developed a preference for analysis and calculation, rather than intuition
- 4 Being familiar with standard analyses, understanding their scientific foundation and practical applicability
- 5 Being capable of applying core transport economics and policy skills in order to understand the following issues:
 - Demand for transport
 - Direct cost of transport
 - External costs and pricing issues
 - Pricing of transport services
 - The nature of transport markets
 - Economics of transport logistics
 - Transport policy

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Standard teaching with discussion and interaction (oral explanations, case studies)
On specific days (made public at the beginning of the year) in Antwerp

Learning materials and price

Button, K. J. (2010) Transport Economics (3rd Edition). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
Cost: 25 euro. This book is recommended but optional (not mandatory).
van Wee, B., Annema, J.A., Banister, D. (Eds.) (2013) The Transport System and
Transport Policy. An Introduction. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. (free downloadable from:
http://www.victorknoop.eu/research/papers/boek_vanwee.pdf).

References

Quinet, E., Vickerman, R. (2004) Principles of Transport Economics. Cheltenham:
Edward Elgar.
Rodrigue, J.-P., Notteboom, T., Shaw, J. (2013) The SAGE Handbook of Transport
Studies. Los Angeles: Sage.
Blauwens, G., De Baere, P., Van de Voorde, E. (2002) Transport Economics.
Antwerpen: De Boeck.

Course content-related study coaching

All information on the courses and the examination is shared via the online study
platform
Students can contact the lecturer for additional information, explanation

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

Oral examination

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

Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Oral exam with written preparation, general questions (open book) + evaluation of the
assignment
Assignments (3 in total) are an integral part of the exam. If the student fails to hand in
the assignments he/she will not be allowed to take part in the oral exam

Calculation of the examination mark

100% oral exam