

Economic Geography (F000086)

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

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 2) Dutch lecture 45.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

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Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	5	A
Bachelor of Science in Economics	5	A
Bachelor of Science in Business Economics	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Economics	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Location-theoretic Research, Relationship city and economics, urban development, land use, production networks, evolutionary economic geography

Position of the course

The student will be familiarized with the broad field of economic geography.

Contents

The course deals with the following topics:

- 1 / Why geography matters in economics?
- 2 / Location theory
 - 2.1 Actors and processes
 - 2.2 Location theory I: Classical and neoclassical approach
 - 2.3 Location theory II: Institutional approach
 - 2.4 Location theory III: Evolutionary approach
 - 2.5 Location factor analysis
 - 2.6 "Where does my breakfast come from?". Product networks in a global economy
- 3 / Relationship city - economy
 - 3.1 City and economy I: Origin and social functions of cities
 - 3.2 City and economy II: Urban economic development: competition and networks
 - 3.3 City and Economy III: Internal Urban Differences and Land Use

Initial competences

None.

Final competences

- 1 After attending the course, the student should be able to: be familiar with the basic concepts of economic geography
- 2 After attending the course, the student should be able to: understand how businesses deal with decisions concerning locational choice
- 3 After attending the course, the student should be able to: answer questions regarding urban geography
- 4 After attending the course, the student should be able to: analyse the complex relationship between city and economy

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

Theoretical explanation in which the dialogue with the students will be stimulated (use of examples, tables, figures, video, cartoons,...).

Learning materials and price

Course material consists of ppt, articles, and there is syllabus in Dutch available but this syllabus has not be revised (free of charge, and complementary to ppt and articles)

References

A list of references can be found in the syllabus

Course content-related study coaching

At present, there is no study coaching

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Classic oral examination with written preparation.
The main focus is not on detail knowledge but on substantive insights and links.

Calculation of the examination mark

What is stimulated is overview and insights (not reproduction)