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Ethics and Social Choice

In view of the health context linked to the spread of the coronavirus, the methods of organisation and evaluation of the learning units could be adapted in different situations; these possible new methods have been - or will be - communicated by the teachers to the students.

5 credits	30.0 h	Q1

() This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2019-2020 !

Teacher(s)	Maniquet François ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course should study social ethics and welfare economics issues using the axiomatic tools of Social Choice Theory. Both welfarist and non-welfarist approaches should be presented. The static and the intertemporal so-cial choice frameworks should be introduced and equity conditions analyzed in both frameworks.
Aims	The objective of the course is to provide a basic training in the part of social choice theory which is most rele-vant for social ethics, in general, and for welfare economics, more specifically.
	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods	 Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The evaluation is composed of 1) evaluation of the presentation by the student (see above), 2) a written exam, in which students will be requested to discuss some key idea of the field and prove some fundamental theorems.
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The course will begin with a series of lectures, devoted to some of the main ideas and results in social choice theory. Then, students will be invited to study some important contributions to the field by themselves and present these contributions to the class.
Content	Social choice theory is composed of different subfields, all being interested in studying norms in the design of some mechanisms. All these subfields are formally connected to the Arrow theorem. The course is an introduction to the main structure of social choice theory as well as to some of its subfields: welfarism, fairness, the Harsanyi utilitarianism, bargaining theory.
Bibliography	A reading list will be distributed at the beginning of the course.
Other infos	The course will be composed of 9 lectures of 3 hours, beginning on Wednesday October 17.
Faculty or entity in charge	ECON

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [60] in Economics : General	ECON2M1	5		٩		
Master [120] in Economics: Econometrics	ETRI2M	5		٩		
Master [120] in Economics: General	ECON2M	5		٩		