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30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Ponthiere Gregory ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	<i>The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.</i>
Main themes	Inevitably perhaps within economic and social debate, there is constant confusion between empirical comments, theoretical statements and value judgments. The course tries to teach students how to clarify this debate by distinguishing the various types of question, by clarifying the criteria which, for each type, should enable them to decide between competing positions, and examines how the value judgments which underlie the debate can themselves be the subject of a rigorous discussion.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>1 This course gives students a synthetic and critical outline of the principal contemporary approaches to economic and social ethics. In this way, and through the effective use of analytical tools with which they are provided, the course aims to help students to take a critical and informed position towards the ethical issues which arise in the broad field covered by the economic, social and political sciences.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>The final examen takes the form of a series of multiple choice questionnaires (in English).</p> <p>The second session exam takes the same form as the first session exam: a multiple choice questionnaire (in English).</p>
Teaching methods	<p>This course is organized in two parts. Part I will provide a panorama of the main contemporary theories of justice (utilitarianism, libertarianism, marxism, liberal egalitarianism, communitarianism, feminism). Part II will consist of applying those general theories to concrete social issues (for instance, health insurance policies, migration policies, minimum wage, etc.). During the course, multiple choice questionnaires will be provided, to encourage the active practice, by students, of normative reasoning.</p> <p>ALL PIECES OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PRACTICAL ORGANIZATION OF THIS COURSE (MODE OF TEACHING DEPENDING ON THE PREVAILING COLOUR CODE) ARE AVAILABLE ON MOODLE.</p>
Content	What would a fair society look like? To answer that question, this course provides an introduction to the tools and concepts of economic, social and political ethics. It provides students with a synthetic and critical overview of the main contemporary theories of social justice. The course thus aims to help students to situate themselves critically and informally with regard to ethical issues in the broad field of economic, social and political science.
Inline resources	<p>Slides of the course available on Moodle.</p> <p>MCQ of the course available on Moodle.</p> <p>Solutions of MCQ available on Moodle.</p>
Bibliography	<p>Arnsperger, C. & Van Parijs, P. (2000) <i>Ethique économique et sociale</i>, La Découverte, Paris.</p> <p>Kymlicka, W. (1990). <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy. An Introduction</i>. Clarendon Press, Oxford.</p> <p>Miller, D. (1976). <i>Social Justice</i>, Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Sandel, M. (2007). <i>Justice</i>. Flammarion, Paris.</p> <p>Sen, A. (2009). <i>L'idée de justice</i>. Flammarion, Paris.</p> <p>Van Parijs, P. (1991). <i>Qu'est-ce qu'une société juste?</i> Le Seuil, Paris.</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Management (ESPO students)	MINAGEST	5		
Certificat d'université en éthique et société	ETES9CE	3		
Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences	HUSO1BA	3		
Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	PPE1BA	3		
Minor : Issues of Transition and Sustainable Development	MINDD	5		
Master [120] in Ethics	ETHI2M	5		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA1BA	3		
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	3		
Bachelor in Philosophy	FILO1BA	5		
Bachelor in Economics and Management	ECGE1BA	3	LANGL1330	
Bachelor in Political Sciences: General	SPOL1BA	3		
Bachelor : Business Engineering	INGE1BA	3	LANGL1330	