

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2026-2027 !

Teacher(s)	Mariani Fabio ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	"Evaluation continue" + oral exam.
Teaching methods	Lectures + student presentations (or "classes inversées")
Content	Course outline Introduction. 0.1: Economics and demography: why the family matters 0.2: Key facts Part 1. Household behavior and decision making. 1.1: Preferences and household production 1.2: The unitary model 1.3: Non-cooperative models 1.4: The cooperative model Part 2. The marriage market: household formation and dissolution. 2.1: Matching on the marriage market (who marries whom) 2.1.1 Non-transferrable utility: the Gale-Shapley equilibrium 2.1.2 Transferrable utility: the Becker-Shapley-Shubik equilibrium 2.1.3 Search on the marriage market 2.2: Sharing the surplus: equilibrium transfers, etc. 2.3: Pre-marital investment Part 3. The implications of the family for long-run macroeconomics. 3.1: The family and economic growth 3.2: The role of fertility in unified growth theories 3.3: The family and institutional change: polygyny, women's rights, etc. [Some topics may not be covered, because of time constraints.]
Inline resources	On Moodle.
Bibliography	No book is strictly required. Some material will be taken from: • Browning, M., P.-A. Chiappori and Y. Weiss (2014): Economics of the Family, Cambridge University Press. • Doepke, M. and M. Tertilt (2016): "Families in Macroeconomics", in Taylor, J.B. and H. Uhlig (eds.): Handbook of Macroeconomics (vol. 2), Elsevier. Further references (mostly to selected research papers) will be provided throughout the course.
Faculty or entity in charge	ECON

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