Université catholique de Louvain

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Non profit Economics

5.0 credits

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30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Nyssens Marthe ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	First, we will develop conceptual clarifications around concepts such as non-profit sector, social economy, third-sector Then, the course develops the socio-economic frameworks explaining the respective roles of public, for profit and non profit sectors in the provision of quasi-collective goods. Finally, the course covers various public policies (work integration, social services) governing the provision of these quasi-collective goods. These public policies are placed in a comparative perspective of the different European welfare states models. We systematically refer to the Belgian and European debates around the place of the third sector and its challenges.
Aims :	The objective of this course is to analyze non -profit (third sector) organizations. The goal is to understand their place within the economy besides the for profit sector and public authorities. At the end of this course, students will have an overview of socio-economic grids of analysis of the third sector and should be able to mobilize them in the analysis of a specific third sector organization. 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".
Content :	Outline 1. Theory of organization and third-sector, 2 The concept "économie sociale" 3. The concept "non-marchand", 4. The concept of " économie solidaire " 5. The concept "NPO " , 6. Two starting points to explain the "raisons d'être" of non profit organizations 7. The theories of demand, 8. The relationships " Non profit organizations - public authorities " 9. The theories of social entrepreneurship The purpose of the methodology of this course is to provide analytical tools to the student in order to carefully analyze the socio- economic dynamics within the third sector. The course will include personal readings and the preparation of some short written contributions during the term. Throughout the term, the students will work, in group of 2 or 3 students, on the analysis of a chosen organization which will be the support for the final oral examination. A regular presence and active participation in the course are, therefore, required.
Other infos :	One course of microeconomics and of public economics The evaluation is based on: (1) the short written contributions prepared during the term (2) the final oral examination based on the final written paper analyzing, through the conceptual tools given in the course, a non profit organization chosen by the student The reference papers to be read are available at the " DUC ". Power points are downloadable from i-campus.
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Faculty or entity in charge:	ECON