UCL Université catholique de Louvain

LECON2065

2015-2016

History of Economic Thought

5.0 credits	30.0 h	2q

Teacher(s) :	Pensieroso Luca ;
Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	It is supposed that graduate students have already had some general introduction to the history of economic theories. Therefore this course will rather deal with special topics to be studied in depth. Possible topics are: the evolution of the meaning of equilibrium in economic theory; evolving conceptions of rationality in economic theory; the history of macroeconomics; controversies over involuntary unemployment in economic theory., the history of welfare theory, etc.
Aims :	This course belongs to the group of critical courses aiming at complementing the technical education offered to our master students with a more philosophical, methodological and historical reflection. It should help students to get a broader per-spective in an age of specialization and emphasis on technical skills. Moreover, it should also alert them to the fact that pro-gress in economic theory, however elusive it may be, goes along with controversies and scientific revolutions. *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 :	The method adopted in this course will consist in reading the seminal papers that have marked the evolution of the field. Students will be requested do read these papers in advance. During the classes, their meaning and con-tents will be analyzed with a special attention being given on how to replace them in the wider perspective of the development of the field under study.
Other infos :	While the form of the examination might vary (paper, written examination), it will bear on the student's ability to relate the origin of the field under study to its present state as well as to under-stand the whereabouts of the possible turns that occurred in the development of the field.
Faculty or entity in charge:	ECON

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)				
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage
	ETES9CE	5	-	
Master [60] in Economics : General	ECON2M1	5	-	
Master [120] in Economics: General	ECON2M	5	-	
Master [120] in Economics: Econometrics	ETRI2M	5	-	