

## Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



ECON2

Licence en sciences économiques (Diploma of the Second Cycle (Licence) in Economic Sciences )



### Programme management

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### Study objectives

This programme addresses either students just coming out of the 1st study cycle ("candidature") of Economic Sciences whose aim is a career in business or in administration, or students who already have prior training in another subject. The first year of course covers foundation studies. The second year helps students to specialise within the main subject areas, depending on their interests and under the supervision of a tutor.

In order to deepen their studies, once graduated, students may further their training by registering for a 3rd cycle diploma (DES or DEA). They also have the possibility of opting for a three year programme leading to a master diploma. This decision must therefore be taken after the successful completion of the first year of the programme.

### Admission conditions

The following students are entitled access to the "licence" programme in Economic Sciences (ECON 2) and to the "maîtrise" in Economic Sciences (ECON 2M) :

A. Holders of a **university** degree on the following conditions :

- Holders of the first study cycle diploma "*candidat*" in *Economic Sciences or Management* delivered by a university of the French-speaking Community in Belgium, as well as holders of an *equivalent* diploma, delivered by another university, subject to any necessary additions of a limited number of complementary courses to the first year of the programme.
- Holders of other "*candidat*", "*licencié*" or "*maître*" diplomas obtained from another faculty or department in a Belgian or foreign university, subject to the acceptance of their application by the department and the adding of any necessary complementary courses to their first year programme. This acceptance may possibly be subject to the condition of successfully completing a preparatory test which may take the form of a *single year of "candidature" studies* in Economic Sciences and Management.

B. Holders of a **non-university higher education** diploma on the following conditions :

- Holders of a "*licencié*" diploma in the *economic category*, subject to the possible addition of complementary courses to their first year programme.
- Holders of a "*candidat*" diploma in the *economic category*, subject to successfully completing an *entrance exam* and possibly adding a limited number of complementary courses to their first year programme.
- Holders of a non-university higher education programme, "*gradué*", in accountancy, marketing, transport management, external commerce or computer studies, as well as holders of the lower secondary school teacher-training certificate, subject to successfully completing a *prior year of studies* .

C. Non-university diploma holders from a *non-economic category* have access to the "licence" programme in Economic Sciences on the basis of a "candidat" diploma in Economic Sciences and Management. This may be obtained, in certain cases, by way of a *single "candidature" year* .

Questions concerning applications or complementary information should be addressed to the secretary's office of the Department of Economic Sciences. Questions concerning admission and information linked to the *single year of "candidature"* should be addressed to the secretary's office for the "Candidature" in Economic, Social and Political Sciences.

### Admission procedure

The regular conditions and admission procedures are detailed on the web page "Access to studies":

<http://www.ucl.ac.be/etudes/libres/acces.html>

## Programme content

### ECON 21 First year of studies

The first year of the programme is developed on four levels, without any options :

- foundation studies in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics,
- two courses in specific study domains,
- an English course,
- two theme-based workshops

#### 1. Foundation studies (36 credits)

<u>ECON2115</u>	Micro-economics[60h+30h] (12 credits) (in French)	Pierre Dehez, Jacques-François Thisse
<u>ECON2125</u>	Macro-economics[60h+30h] (12 credits) (in French)	David De la Croix, Frédéric Docquier
<u>ECON2135</u>	Econometrics: methods and applications[45h+45h] (12 credits) (in French)	Luc Bauwens, Fatemeh Shadman Valavi

*The subject matter of these courses is spread over the two quadrimesters.*

#### 2. Specific studies (12 credits)

<u>ECON2151</u>	Economics and monetary institutions[30h+15h] (6 credits) (in French)	Chantal Kegels
<u>ECON2152</u>	Economics and Public Finances[30h+15h] (6 credits) (in French)	Jean Hindriks

*These studies include the supervised reading of a given work (or part of one) or articles, which are not covered in the strict sense of the word during the lectures but rather "commented on" here. Study of these texts is therefore complementary to the lectures. The 15 hours of exercises scheduled for these studies, help with the assimilation and discussion of those texts. This time, therefore, does not constitute "review" but rather hours of group work. A personal succinct report is required and part of the final marks is especially reserved for the evaluation of these complementary readings.*

#### 3. English course (4 credits)

<u>ANGL2430</u>	English: Interactive communication[30h] (4 credits)	Claudine Grommersch, Philippe Neyt
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#### 4. Workshops (8 credits)

<u>ECON2198</u>	Workshop I[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Bernard Delbecque, Bernard Hanin, Henri Sneessens, Vincent Van Steenberghe
<u>ECON2199</u>	Workshop II[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Marc Germain, Francis Martin, Philippe Monfort, Daniel Weiserbs

*These workshops confront the students with specific questions or topics, with the aim of helping them to read, summarise, analyse, present and write. These workshops therefore constitute the preparation for the thesis.*

Those students who wish to anticipate lightening their second year programme have the possibility of *adding* one of the two reflexive courses offered in the second year to their first year programme.

### ECON 22 Second year of studies

The second year comprises :

- two compulsory courses,
- one "historical" orientated course
- one "reflective" orientated course
- four options,
- a seminar,
- a thesis.

Some of the courses may be given in English.

**During the course of the first fortnight following the start to the academic year** , the student will choose a tutor from the list established by the department, together with whom he will prepare his programme. He must also have his thesis subject approved at the beginning of the first quadrimester.

#### 1. Compulsory courses (12 credits)

<u>ECON2207</u>	Labour economics[30h+15h] (6 credits) (in French)	Bart Cockx, Bruno Van der Linden
<u>ECON2208</u>	International Trade[30h+15h] (6 credits) (in French)	Philippe Monfort

*These sessions each comprise 30 hours of lectures, as well as 15 hours of exercises, aimed at covering the supervised readings (cfr 1st year).*

#### 2. Historical and reflective courses (8 credits)

*The student will choose a "historical" oriented course from among the following subjects :*

<u>ECON2251</u>	History of Economic Theories[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Michel De Vroey
<i>or</i>		
<u>ECON2252</u>	History of Economic and Social Development[30h] (4	Isabelle Cassiers

credits) (in French)

*The student will choose a "reflective" oriented course from among the following subjects :*

ECON2253 Philosophy and epistemology of economic science[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Christian Arnsperger

or

ECON2254 Economic and Social Ethics[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Philippe Van Parijs

### 3. Options (16 credits)

*The student will choose four courses (each course is worth 4 ECTS) from the following list and from the list of the historical and reflective courses which feature in point 2, above :*

ECON2231 International monetary relations[30h] (in French) Bernard Delbecque  
ECON2232 Economics and industrial policies[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Elisabeth Van Hecke  
ECON2233 Economics of education[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Vincent Vandenberghe  
ECON2234 Growth and economic structures in Belgium[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Isabelle Cassiers, Luc Denayer (supplée Isabelle Cassiers)  
ECON2235 Non-commercial economics[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Marthe Nyssens  
ECON2236 Economics of health[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Marie-Christine Closon  
ECON2237 Applied macro-economics[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Daniel Weiserbs  
ECON2238 Financial economics[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Pierre Giot  
ECON2240 Economy of the public sector[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Bart Cockx, Jean Hindriks  
ECON2242 Conjunctural Fluctuations and Cycles[30h] (4 credits) (in French) N.  
ECON2243 Game and Information Theory[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Hylke Vandebussche  
ECON2244 General Equilibrium Theory[30h] (4 credits) (in French) François Maniquet  
ECON2245 Econometrics[30h+15h] (4 credits) (in French) Luc Bauwens  
ECON2247 Growth and Development[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Raouf Boucekkin  
ECON2249 Regional Economics[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Jacques-François Thisse  
ESPO2103 Environnement et économie globale[30h] (5 credits) (in French) Thierry Bréchet

*and one additional course, from among the following courses taught on other programmes.*

AUCE2461 A préciser (in French)  
BAPA2350 A préciser (in French)  
DVLP3120 Development policies[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Frédéric Lapeyre  
BIR1343 Economy of natural resources and the environment[37.5h+7.5h] (3.5 credits) (in French) Frédéric Gaspart  
ESPO2103 Environnement et économie globale[30h] (5 credits) (in French) Thierry Bréchet  
EURO3501 Intégration monétaire et financière européenne[30h] (3 credits) (in French) Ivo Maes  
QANT2100 Elements of operational research[45h+15h] (6 credits) (in French) Michel Herman  
DPRI3104 Problèmes économiques et financiers de l'assurance[30h] (5 credits) (in French) Christian Jaumain

The students also have the possibility to include a course from the third study cycle (masters) on their programme. A tutor will guide them in their choice of programme.

### 4. Course on Religious Sciences (2 credits)

*The students enrolled for the ECON 22 exam, must include one of the courses on Religious Sciences, except if they have already followed such a course during their previous studies.*

ESPO2201 Issues of religious sciences: Christian faith[15h] (2 credits) (in French) Jean-François Grégoire (supplée Gabriel Ringlet), Gabriel Ringlet  
ESPO2202 Issues of religious sciences: the Bible and its message[15h] (2 credits) (in French) Jean-Pierre Delville  
ESPO2203 Special issues of religious sciences: the Christian ethic[15h] (2 credits) (in French) Walter Lesch, Henri Wattiaux (supplée Walter Lesch)

### 5. Seminar (4 Credits)

*The student will choose a seminar from the following list :*

ESPO2104 Séminaire de gestion des questions environnementales[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Thierry Bréchet  
ECON2801 Seminar of public and social economy[30h] (4 credits) (in French) Jean Hindriks

<u>ECON2802</u>	Seminar of microeconomy[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Vincent Vannetelbosch
<u>ECON2803</u>	Seminar on macroeconomy[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Daniel Weiserbs
<u>CIDE2110</u>	Séminaire: droit-économie[30h] (4 credits) (in French)	Christian Huveneers, Bernard Remiche

#### **6. Thesis (18 Credits)**

#### **Evaluation**

The courses generally conclude in oral exam sessions and the final mark takes into account the quality of any projects accomplished by the students. The thesis will be presented orally and defended before a jury.

#### **Positioning of the degree within the University cursus**

This "licence" degree entitles access to the various specialised programmes in Economics and Management (DES) or to prepare for research in Economics (DEA).