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## Social Policy (5EN2022)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en économie appliquée	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master of Arts en innovation, orientation Innovation et société	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master of Law en innovation	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3
Master of Science en innovation	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

#### Période d'enseignement:

• Semestre Printemps

## Equipe enseignante

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## Contenu

Each lecture will focus on a different social problem and the policy implemented to address it. The topics covered include poverty, inequality, healthcare, social insurances, minimum wage, immigration, gender discrimination, crime and institutions. The reading for each lecture will largely be based upon articles from journals and articles in the field of economics. By the end of the course students should have a greater understanding how different economic theory and methodological approaches may be applied to a range of social problems and policies. They should be able to interpret and critically appraise articles and data from international journals such as Fiscal Studies, the Economic Journal, Oxford Review of Economic Policy.

#### Forme de l'évaluation

2h written exam that will take place on the last day of classes by the end of the semester (70%). 20 min. presentation about a social policy application by the middle of the semester (20%). Class participation (10%).

Retake: 2h written exam during the exam session (100%).

Neither documents nor connected devices are permitted during the exams.

In case of violation of these rules, the students are in situation of fraud and the unauthorized items will be removed. The exam could be deemed as failed.

#### **Documentation**

There is no specific textbook for the course. We rely on original sources such as scientific journal articles, book extracts and technical reports. Readings will be made available on Claroline prior to their discussion in class.

## Pré-requis

None. N.B. Students who take this course as an elective have to make sure they possess the required minimal knowledge in algebra, economics and statistics. No distinction will be made between MScAPEC students and others in terms of evaluation criteria.

# Forme de l'enseignement

2-hour lecture.

# Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :





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- Analyse pertinence of social policies
  Relate effects and unintended effects of different policies
  Summarize relevant literature in specific topics
  Discuss policy interventions effects

# Compétences transférables

- Manage a projectCarry out a critical analysisDiscuss complex issues