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Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en économie appliquée	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 Automne

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One of the most important achievements of modern nations is the welfare state. Barr (2020) offers two notions. The welfare state can be understood as a way to combat poverty through redistribution of income and wealth. Or the welfare state can be thought of as a way of providing insurance (through risk sharing) and redistribution throughout the life cycle. Both notions lend themselves to economic inquiry. One central idea we will establish is that the welfare state can be understood not as a substitute but as a complement for private markets. In addition to providing relief to the poor, the welfare state can step in where private markets would fail.

Social policy is the way that governments implement the welfare state. Two questions loom large. First, what are the objectives of social policy? Do we want to maximize total welfare? Individual liberty? Equality? Second, what is the most efficient way to achieve these

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Students who take this course as an elective have to make sure they possess the required minimal knowledge in economics. 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 :

- Analyse the pertinence of social policies
- Discuss policy interventions effects
- Apply economic concepts to the understand the pertinences of different policies
- Differentiate direct effects and unintended effects of different policies
- Review current evidence on social policies

Compétences transférables

- Explore alternative measures to judge policy interventions
- Carry out a critical analysis
- Discuss complex issues
- Communicate main goals behind some social policies