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School of Economics and Management

NEKA82, Economics: The State and the Market, 3 credits *Nationalekonomi: Staten och marknaden, 3 högskolepoäng* First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2022-11-29 and was last revised on 2023-06-13. The revised syllabus applies from 2024-01-15, spring semester 2024.

General Information

This is an online introductory course in economics.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Economics

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Students shall:

- understand why the market economy, in some cases, do not result in a desired outcome (market failure),
- understand the role of the public sector in the economy, specifically in Sweden,
- understand how government intervention in the market can fail,
- be able to generalise their knowledge to economic problems that have not been treated during the course.

Competence and skills

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- analyse how the government, in some cases, can correct market failures,
- analyse advantages and disadvantages of government intervention in a given market,

- analyse, reflect upon, draw conclusions from, evaluate, and question the models and results presented in the course.

Judgement and approach

Students shall have the ability to analyse fundamental economic questions with a high degree of independence. Students shall be able to follow news related to economics as well as the economic debate. Students shall also be able to place the course's theories in a scientific context.

Course content

The course starts with a presentation of the necessary institutions in a free market economy. Thereafter, the course studies government intervention in a free market, e.g. taxes and interventions related to monopolies. The course continues by highlighting the importance of information in a market economy. Finally, the course treats external effects and public goods. The role of the government is analysed from three different perspectives: welfare economics, where the government corrects market failures and re-distributes income; public choice, where the government is run by utility maximizing politicians and bureaucrats; and new institutional economics, with a focus on property rights and transaction costs.

Course design

1. Teaching: The course is an internet-based course for distance learning and does not consist of any traditional tuition. Tuition takes place through the internet.

Assessment

1. Examination: The examination consists of a written exam and mandatory home assignments. The written exam takes place at the end of the course. There will be further opportunities for examination close to this date. Other forms of examination can be included to a limited extent.

2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass.

1. Grading: Grade, Characteristic

Pass. A result that satisfies the requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

Fail. An inadequate result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independence.

2. Weighting grades for different parts of the course: –

3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

Entry requirements

For admission to this course students need to have taken the course "The Market - Prices, Consumers and Firms" or a similar course.

Further information

1. Transitional regulations: -

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: This course cannot be included in the same degree as the sub-course "Microeconomic Theory with Applications" in NEKA11 "Economics: Level 1", the sub-course "Microeconomic Theory with Applications" in NEKA12 "Economics: Level 1", NEKA51 "Microeconomic Theory with Applications", or NEKA61 "Microeconomic Theory with Applications".

4. Similar courses: The course has the same content as parts of the sub-course "Microeconomic Theory with Applications" in NEKA12 "Economics: Level 1", parts of NEKA51 "Microeconomic Theory with Applications", and parts of NEKA61 "Microeconomic Theory with Applications".

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

Subcourses in NEKA82, Economics: The State and the Market

Applies from V23

2301 The State and the Market, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass