

5.0 crédits

15.0 h

Enseignants:	
Langue d'enseignement:	Français
Lieu du cours	Louvain-la-Neuve
Thèmes abordés :	The course should study social ethics and welfare economics issues using the axiomatic tools of Social Choice Theory. Both welfarist and non-welfarist approaches should be presented. The static and the intertemporal social choice frameworks should be introduced and equity conditions analyzed in both frameworks.
Acquis d'apprentissage	The objective of the course is to provide a basic training in the part of social choice theory which is most relevant for social ethics, in general, and for welfare economics, more specifically. <i>La contribution de cette UE au développement et à la maîtrise des compétences et acquis du (des) programme(s) est accessible à la fin de cette fiche, dans la partie « Programmes/formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE) ».</i>
Contenu :	First, the welfarist approach to social choice will be characterized, and its link to the "New Welfare Economics" emphasized. Arrow's celebrated impossibility theorem will be presented and discussed. Then, the main welfarist theories (starting with the utilitarian doctrine), and some non-welfarist theories (starting with Rawls's theory of justice) will be studied formally. Intergenerational equity will be examined. Application to the measurement of inequality will be developed. Some links will be established with recent developments in contemporary ethics and political philosophy
Autres infos :	Basic notions of welfare economics A written examination is required at the end. The basic reference is Mongin, P. and d'Aspremont, C. (1998), "Utility Theory and Ethics," in: Barbera S., Hammond P. and Seidl C. (eds.), Handbook of Utility Theory, vol. 1: Principles, Kluwer, Dordrecht, 371-401.
Cycle et année d'étude: :	> Master [120] en sciences économiques, orientation générale
Faculté ou entité en charge:	ECON