



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 35835
Name: Teams and cooperative games
Cycle: Undergraduate Studies
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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1313 - Degree in Business Management and Administration	Facultat d'Economia	4	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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1313 - Degree in Business Management and Administration	Optatividad Dirección de Operaciones y Logística	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

This course provides an introductory overview of the literature of the Cooperative Games applied to cost allocation problems

Some of these examples are: The problem of sharing a good among several agents. The problem of the treatment plant, the airport, networking costs. The two sided market and matching problems. Bankruptcy problems and rationing. Demand for homogeneous goods.

On one hand, motivation will be offered from the point of view of cost allocation for some of the central concepts in cooperative games. Stable allocations and the core, the nucleolus and the Shapley value.

In addition , cost allocation is an eminently practical problem, so the validity and appropriateness of the solutions depend largely the context in which they are applied. Thus the second objective of the course is to illustrate by examples how to model situations of cost sharing.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE



RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

No prerequisites are required. Only some basic knowledge of elementary calculus is needed.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to apply analytical and mathematical methods for the analysis of economic and business problems.

Be able to identify, measure and value business costs in order to design and implement cost allocation models and methods.

Be able to negotiate and reconcile interests effectively.

Be able to solve problems.

Demonstrate capacity for analysis and synthesis.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. THEORY

- 1- Introduction: Problems of cost allocation / profit sharing
- 2- Efficient solutions and individual rationality
- 3- Stable solutions: The core
- 4- The nucleolus
- 5- The Shapley value
- 6- The proportional, egalitarian and serial rules

2. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Homogeneous goods: The treatment plant problem
- Networking costs: Sharing the cost, and the maintenance of the tree networks
- Airport and highway games
- Matching problems: students/carriers, medics/hospitals
- Assignment problems: Two sided house markets
- Sharing costs: consum cooperatives
- Bankruptcy and rationing problems

**WORKLOAD****PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theory	45,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	60,00
Independent study and work	0,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	60,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This is an introductory course to present cooperative game theory applied in economics.

The emphasis will be on concepts and results. Also, much of the course will be devoted to the exercises and study of several economic applications.

More specifically, these applications will have a role almost as important as the theory itself. In each subject will be discussed simple but important applications, both in the theoretical and practical classes.

Any advanced mathematical requirement is not required to take this course.

EVALUATION

- Throughout the course several practical works based on the examples that will be analyzed along the theoretical and practical classes will be delivered. This constitute 40% of the note.

This continuous evaluation has the character of recoverable in the second call

- A final exam will be made. In there, students will use the course materials to solve a problem among those analyzed in the course . This constitute the other 60% of the note.

REFERENCES



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- Game Theory. Analysis of conflict. Roger B. Myerson. Harvard University Press
- Juegos Coalicionales. Estela Sánchez Rodríguez, Juan Vidal Puga. Universidade de Vigo, Servizo de Publicacións, 2014