

Games and Equilibria

Course title - Intitulé du cours	Games and Equilibria
Level / Semester - Niveau /semestre	M1 / S2
School - Composante	Ecole d'Economie de Toulouse
Teacher - Enseignant responsable	GENSBITTEL FABIEN
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Lecture Hours - Volume Horaire CM	30
TA Hours - Volume horaire TD	
TP Hours - Volume horaire TP	0
Course Language - Langue du cours	Anglais
TA and/or TP Language - Langue des TD et/ou TP	Anglais

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Course's Objectives - Objectifs du cours :

The course will first introduce the general model of static non-zero sum games and the classical notions of solutions (Dominated strategies, Nash equilibrium and some refinements). In this first part, we will present major mathematical results such as fixed points theorems (Brouwer, Kakutani) leading to existence theorems for Nash equilibria, and also practical methods of computations for Nash equilibria in finite and infinite games through several examples.

In a second part, we will introduce the model of extensive form games and the notions of: behavioral strategies, games with perfect information and backward induction, subgame perfection, perfect bayesian equilibrium, sequential equilibrium. In the third part of the course, we introduce the notion of correlated equilibrium. At the end of the course, a precise and rigorous knowledge of the fundamental mathematical methods for the study of interaction models (non-zero sum games) is expected; in particular computing all types of equilibria in finite or infinite (e.g. auctions models) games and applying theoretical methods (fixed points, finite dimensional analysis) to prove qualitative results (existence of refinements, uniqueness, relations between different notions of solutions, etc..).

Prerequisites - Pré requis :

Undergraduate courses in Probability theory and Analysis. Courses Strategic Optimization and Advanced Analysis during the first semester.

Practical information about the sessions - Modalités pratiques de gestion du cours :

Lecture notes and corrected exercises will be posted on moodle.

Grading system - Modalités d'évaluation :

Midterm(40%) and final exam (60%).

Bibliography/references - Bibliographie/références :

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Maschler M., Solan E. and S. Zamir, Game Theory. Cambridge UP 2013.

Myerson R., Game Theory: Analysis of Conflict., Harvard University Press, 1991.

Laraki R., Renault J. and S. Sorin, Bases mathématiques de la théorie des jeux (in French), Editions de l'Ecole Polytechnique 2013.