UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS

FACULTY/SCHOOL	School of Economics, Business and International Studies		
DEPARTMENT	Department of Economics		
LEVEL OF STUDY	Undergraduate		
COURSE UNIT CODE	ΟΚΟΚΠ04	SEMESTER	4th
COURSE TITLE	ECONOMICS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION		
WEEKLY TEACHNG HOURS	4	CREDITS (ECTS)	5
COURSE TYPE	Elective		
PREREQUISITE COURSES	-		
INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE	Greek	ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE	Greek
OPEN TO ERASMUS	Yes		

LEARNING OUTCOMES	The social protection is the subject of controversy so much in theorist, what in political level. The expenditures for the social protection absorb a big part of income. More than the 70% of social expenditures are the expenditures for pensions and health. Their way of financing and their impact in the economic and social development are in the epicenter of theoretical discussions. The aims of course are to explain the need for developing social protection, the way with which the social protection was also developed and that this influences the prosperity of citizens and the economic growth. The course focuses in the modern forms of social protection and elects her relation with the job market, the economy and the society. The analysis of social protection points out subjects of effectiveness of policies and places the necessity of existence or not a new social model. With the completion of the course students will be supposed to be possible to know and to comprehend: • the significance of social protection • the connection of social protection with the welfare state • the different characteristics of models of the welfare state • it prevailed tendencies in regard to the current role of social protection • the connection of social protection with the economic effectiveness and the distribution of income • the government intervention in the area of social protection • the ways of financing of social protection • the structure of the retirement system, its relation with the economic growth and the prosperity of citizens, as well as the developments in world level • the structure and the role of welfare system and with who way the welfare system can influence the employment, the inequalities and poverty • the structure and the role of insurance system of unemployment and employment policies • the structure and the role of system of health insurance and the impacts that it involves in the prosperity of citizens
GENERAL COMPETENCES	• Project planning and management in social policy • Assessment of social policy programs • Decision – making process • Critical thinking • Development of free, creative and inductive thinking
COURSE CONTENT	• Definition and measurement of social protection • Welfare state and social protection • Models of welfare state and social protection • Tendencies and developments in the area of social protection • Economic theory and social protection : from economic efficiency to the redistribution of income • Reasons for the government intervention in the area of social protection • Structure and financing the social protection • Social protection and the aging population : Retirement system • Social protection and poverty : Welfare system • Social protection and unemployment : Unemployment insurance system • Social protection and health : Health insurance system • The future of the social protection system
USE OF ICT IN TEACHING	Use of ICT in lectures Communication with the students : face to face and through e-mail
COURSE DESIGN	Activity/Method Semester workload

	Lectures	52
	Essay writing	36
	Study	35
	Exercises	35
	Exam	2
	Total	125
COURSE ASSESSMENT	The evaluation of the course is implemented through a final examination and a writing essay The language of evaluation is the Greek language	
SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY	-Suggested bibliography: • Chletsos, M. Economics of Social Protection, Pataki Publisher, Athens (in greek) • Yfantopoulos, J. Balourdos, M. , Nikolopoulos K. 2009. Economic and social aspects of social protection, Gutenberg Publisher, Athens (in greek) • Rosner, P.G. 2003. The economics of social policy, Edward Elgar • Barr, N. 2004. Economics of the welfare state, Oxford University Press • Barr, N. 2001. The welfare state as piggy bank. Information, Risk, uncertainty and the role of the state, Oxford University Press	