

Department of Economics
- Bachelor Program -
Courses held in English language
Spring Semester 2017

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All courses marked with ** (****) are suitable for students in their second (fourth) semester.

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A. Introductory Phase

Exercise classes for the courses Finanzwissenschaft, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, Makroökonomik A, Mikroökonomik A, Statistik I und Wirtschaftspolitik will be available on the website of the department about 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the lecture period.

Makroökonomik A (englisch)		Yum, M.	
Freitag	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	17.02.2017 – 02.06.2017
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003			
Freitag	13:45 Uhr bis 15.15 Uhr	wöchentlich	17.02.2017 – 02.06.2017
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003			
Kommentar:			
Please, notice that you have to register for the lecture at "Portal 2".			
Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher und in englischer Sprache gehalten!			
Course title: Makroökonomik A			
Instructors: Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D.			
Method (hours per week): Lecture (4) + exercise class (2)			
Course level: Bachelor			
Course language: German (Prof. Krebs, Ph.D.) or English (Prof. Yum, Ph.D.)			
Prerequisites: none			
Examination: Final exam, 120 minutes			
ECTS-Credits: 8			
Course description:			
I. Saving and Investment (Mankiw, Chapter 3)			
- aggregate saving and investment in a closed economy			
- applications: debt-financed increase in government spending, tax-financed increase in government spending, investment boom, retirement of the baby-boom generation, etc.			
II. Micro-Foundations (Mankiw, Chapter 16)			
- determinants of the consumption and saving decisions: Fisher-model of intertemporal consumption decisions under complete and incomplete markets; income and substitution effect and the saving decision			
- Euler equation: derivation and interpretation			
- life-cycle hypothesis (Modigliani)			
- permanent-income hypothesis (Friedman)			
- ricardian equivalence			
III. Macroeconomic Data (Mankiw, Chapter 2)			
- national accounts			
- inflation: BIP-deflator and the CPI			
IV. Open Economy (Mankiw, Chapter 5)			
- saving and investment in a small open economy			
- covered and uncovered interest parity in real and nominal terms			
- nominal und real exchange rates			
- equilibrium on goods and capital markets and the real exchange rate			
- twin deficit			

V. Money (Chapter 4 and 18)

- quantity equation and quantity theory of money
- classical dichotomy vs. Neutrality of money
- monetary policy in the US and in Europe: targets and instruments of the respective central banks

VI. Aggregate demand and aggregate supply (Chapters 9 & 13)

- Short-run vs. long-run observations and questions
- Distinction between Keynesian and (Neo-) Classical Theory
- The AD-AS (aggregate demand – aggregate supply) Model
- Analysis of the short-run effects of monetary and fiscal policy

VII. Economic growth (Chapters 7 & 8, two sessions)

- Growth, prosperity, poverty
- Empirical observations: international panel data, time series
- The Solow Growth Model, steady state analysis
- Convergence in the model and in the data, convergence process
- The Golden Rule of capital
- Technological progress in the model and in the data

VIII. Unemployment (Chapter 6, two sessions)

- International empirical observations, current situation
- The classical model of the labor market
- Labor supply, labor demand, equilibrium on the labor market
- Technological progress, minimum wages, unions
- Search unemployment, matching
- Determination of the steady state unemployment rate
- Public policy

Literature:

Mankiw, N. Gregory (2011), Makroökonomik, 6. Auflage, Schäfer-Poeschl Verlag, Stuttgart.
oder die englischsprachige Ausgabe

Mankiw, N. Gregory (2012), Macroeconomics, 8th Rev, Worth Publishers Inc., U.S.

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Mikroökonomik A (englisch)

Wang, C.

Dienstag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017
Schloss Mittelbau - M 003

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
Schloss Westflügel – W 117

Kommentar:

Course title: Mikroökonomik A

Instructor: Chengsi Wang, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): Lecture (4) + exercise class (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Examination: Final exam, 120 minutes

Prerequisites: none

ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

Household theory, demand, decisions under uncertainty, producer theory, firm supply and factor demand, partial and general equilibrium.

Literature:

Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld, Microeconomics. (Sixth Edition), Pearson Education International, 2005.

Hal R. Varian, Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach. (Sixth Edition), W. W. Norton & Company, 2002.

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B. Advanced Phase

Lectures

Antitrust/ Competition Policy ****				Sovinsky, M.
Dienstag L7, 3-5, P044	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017	
Donnerstag L7, 3-5, P044	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017	
Kommentar:				
Course title: Antitrust/ Competition Policy Instructor: Prof. Dr. Michelle Sovinsky Offered: Spring term 2017 Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B Examination: Final exam, 120 min. ECTS-Credits: 7				
Course description: This course is designed to provide an introduction to theoretical models and empirical methods in industrial organization, focusing on competition policy/antitrust. Monopoly and strategic interactions between firms will be studied using research papers and antitrust cases. Specifically, topics include collusion, horizontal merger, predation, and vertical restraints.				
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Michelle Sovinsky, E-Mail: michelle.sovinsky@gmail.com, Tel. (0621) 181 - 1832, Office: L7, 3-5, room 3.11, Office hours: by appointment.				

Behavioral Economics				Penczynski, S.
Dienstag L15, 1-6, A001	15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017	
Freitag L7, 3-5, S031	08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr	14-täglich	17.02.2017 – 26.05.2017	
Kommentar:				
Course title: Behavioral Economics Instructor: Prof. Stefan Penczynski, Ph.D. Offered: Spring semester, irregular cycle Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (1) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich Examination: Final exam, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 6				
Course description:				

Standard economic models make many assumptions and predictions about individual behavior. This course introduces new theories from Behavioral Economics, a young field of Economics that combines Economics and Psychology. In the light of experimental evidence, standard theories of risk, time and social preferences are revisited and more appropriate behavioral models introduced. Various forms of cognitive limitations in information processing are presented and consequences for economic behavior are highlighted. The course aims to provide access to theoretical concepts that take into account the nature of the human psyche.

Contact person(s): Prof. Stefan Penczynski, Ph.D., Tel. 181-3656, E-Mail: Stefan.penczynski@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.04

Behavioral Perspectives of Institutions and Organizations ** / ****

Rau, H.

Mittwoch 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2017 – 31.05.2017
L9, 1-2, 004

Mittwoch 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 15.02.2017 – 24.05.2017
L7, 3-5, S031

Kommentar:

Course title: Behavioral Perspectives of Institutions and Organizations

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Holger A. Rau

Offered: Spring 2017

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Volkswirtschaftslehre, Analysis und Lineare Algebra A

Examination: Final exam (90 minutes)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

This course covers the basic understanding of how institutions and organizations work as coordination device in Economies and firms. We will discuss common problems of market failure, (e.g., social dilemmas), moral hazard, and their implications for the organization of markets and firms. A special focus is the application of Behavioral Economics to understand the motives and implications of decision making in markets and firms.

Contact person(s): Prof. Dr. Holger A. Rau, E-Mail: holger.rau@uni-goettingen.de

Economics of Education ****

Bouguen, A.

Dienstag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017
L7, 3-5, P044

Kommentar:

Course title: Economics of Education

Instructor: Dr. Adrien Bouguen

Offered: Spring term 2017

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A, Statistik I

Examination: Class participation (20%), presentation & discussion (30%), and final exam (50%)

ECTS: 5

Course description:

What can economists possibly say about education? Dealing with the important economic issues linked to education, I will present an overview of the main theoretical and empirical knowledge available. The topics covered in this course will include: the impact of class size, the teacher quality, the returns to education, the link between health or criminal behaviour and education, the role of school choice and of tuition fees in higher education, and the measurement of peer effects. Throughout the semester, I will discuss empirical methodologies used to analyze education systems worldwide. Examples will be taken from both developing and developed countries.

Goals of the course:

Introducing students to the available literature on education and to the methodology used to analyze education systems worldwide. At the end of the semester, students will be acquainted to rigorous quantitative methods used to analyze education and will have been in contact with the most prominent results available in the economics of education.

Requirements for the assignment of ECTS credits:

Students will first be required to participate actively in class discussions. Secondly, during the 45 minutes seminar, every week, one student (or two depending on the number of students) will present during 30 minutes an empirical scientific paper. Another student will play the role of a discussant. The final exam will form the rest of the mark.

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Energy Economics ****

Schober, D./ Woll, O.

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
L7, 3-5, 001

Kommentar:

Course title: Energy Economics

Instructors: Dr. Dominik Schober, Dr. Oliver Woll

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A+B

Examination: written, 90 min

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

The course provides an introduction to energy economics and policy covering topics such as the technical and economic characteristics of energy production and demand. A focus is set on the electricity system, direct and external costs of electricity production, market design and regulation of electricity. The course is primarily based in microeconomics but also considers the interface of energy economics with other disciplines, such as decision economics, operations research, or environmental economics.

Literature:

Stoft, Steven (2002), Power System Economics, 1st Edition, Wiley-IEEE Press.

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Informational Economics**Honyro, T.**

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
L7, 3-5, P043

Kommentar:

Course title: Informational Economics
Offered: Spring term
Instructor: Prof. Takakazu Honryo, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): Lecture (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in game theory
Examination: Final exam, 120 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

This course covers topics related to asymmetric information, and especially we learn basics of contract theory (adverse selection and Moral Hazard) and signaling games (that includes theory of communication). Contract theory designs the strategic environment so as to induce players to behave in the desired way. The question is: "How can we change the strategic environment (by imposing a contract or an organizational structure) such that the resulting equilibrium behavior of the involved players is efficient. In signaling games, we analyze the situation in which informed players decide how to signal their type, and the uninformed player has to decide how to respond to his informed opponent recognizing that signals may be strategically chosen. Both classes of models have a wide variety of applications.

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International Macroeconomics ******Simonelli, S.**

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
L7, 3-5, 001
Donnerstag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
L7, 3-5, 001

Kommentar:

Course title: International Macroeconomics
Instructor: Prof. Saverio Simonelli, Ph.D.
Offered: spring semester 2017
Method (hours per week): Lecture (3) + exercise class (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Makroökonomik A + B
Examination: Final exam, 90 min
ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

The course develops a theoretical framework for the analysis of the determinants of international capital movements, trade imbalances, and nominal and real exchange rates. In particular, the course will cover the building blocks of open-economy macroeconomics focusing on: (i) the intertemporal trade and the

current account balance; (ii) the international financial markets; (iii) the real exchange rate and the terms of trade; (iv) monetary policy and exchange rates.

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Internet Economics ****

Laitenberger, U./ Hünernmund, P.

Dienstag 17:15 Uhr bis 19:45 Uhr wöchentlich 14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017
L7, 3-5, S031

Kommentar:

Course title: Internet Economics

Offered: Spring 2017

Instructor: Dr. Ulrich Laitenberger, Paul Hünernmund

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Industrial Organization, basic knowledge in game theory recommended

Examination: Final exam, 120 min (+potentially presentation, tbd)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The rapid development of the Internet provides not only new business models and life styles but also a novel area for economists to explore. We are especially interested in how online businesses are organized, what role search intermediaries play in getting together buyers and sellers, the optimal design of online platforms and related efficiency issues. The topics we are going to cover are based on real world examples, such as consumer search using search engines, competition between major search engines such as Google and Yahoo, information overload and junk emails, and online auctions on eBay. The course will be mainly theory-orientated. The theoretical models we will cover thus require a solid microeconomics and math background. However, we will also discuss related case studies, empirical works and experiments.

Literature:

There is no required textbook for this course. The lecture will be mainly based on lecture notes and some research papers. However, the following books might be useful for both refreshing basic IO knowledge and selective reading of topics.

1. Paul Belleflamme and Martin Peitz, Industrial Organization: Markets and Strategies, 2010, Cambridge University Press.
2. Martin Peitz and Joel Waldfogel, The Oxford Handbook of The Digital Economy, 2012, Oxford University Press.
3. Hal Varian, Information Rules: A Strategic Guide to the Network Economy, 1998, Harvard Business Review Press.

Notice that it is unnecessary to buy those books as we will only cover a small fraction of each book.

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Labor Market Institutions and Labor Market Outcomes**Habermalz, S.**

Dienstag L7, 3-5, S031	12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr	wöchentlich	14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017
Donnerstag L7, 3-5, S031	12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr	wöchentlich	16.02.2017 – 01.06.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Labor Market Institutions and Labor Market Outcomes

Instructor(s): Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D.

Offered: Spring 2017

Method (hours per week): Lecture (3) + exercise class (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich

Examination: Final exam (90 minutes)

ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:

Labor market institutions are commonly thought of as political interventions or organizational structures that interfere with the otherwise market-determined outcomes of the labor market. Examples include labor unions, legislation on minimum wages, employment protection, unemployment insurance and active labor market policies. This course will document how labor market institutions affect labor market outcomes like unemployment, wage inequality, poverty and others.

Contact person(s): Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D., E-Mail.: habermalz@uni-mannheim.de**Markets and the Environment****Wagner, U.**

Montag L7, 3-5, S031	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	13.02.2017 – 29.05.2017
Mittwoch L7, 3-5, S031	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	wöchentlich	22.02.2017 – 31.05.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Markets and the Environment

Offered: Spring term 2017, once per year

Instructor: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Final exam, 90 min

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course will provide an introduction to the field of environmental and natural resource economics.

The course will be subdivided into four subject areas:

1. Economic analysis of policy instruments for regulating environmental pollution: Command-and-control regulation vs. market-based policy instruments.
2. Techniques for the valuation of environmental quality as an input for cost-benefit analysis: Hedonic pricing, travel cost method and contingent valuation.
3. International aspects of environmental regulation: International environmental agreements, "pollution

leakage" via international trade and investment.

4. Efficient management of renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

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Statistics and Stata

Steinke, I./ Avdeenko, A.

Montag L7, 3-5, 158	15:30 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	14-taglich	13.02.2017 – 22.05.2017
Montag L7, 3-5, 158	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	14-taglich	20.02.2017 – 29.05.2017

Kommentar:

Der Kurs gibt eine Einfuhrung in die Arbeit mit Stata. Im ersten Teil werden elementare statistische Methoden und die lineare Regression diskutiert und mit Stata ausgefuhrt. Daruber hinaus werden die Studierenden lernen, wie Monte-Carlo-Simulationen durchzufuhren sind. Diese sind ein wichtiges Instrument zur Untersuchung der Eigenschaften von Schatzern und Tests bei kleinen Stichproben. Schlielich werden erweiterte statistische Modelle gepruft, z.B. nicht-lineare Regressionsmodelle, binare und multinomial Modelle und Paneldatenmodelle.

Course title: Statistics and Stata

Instructors: Dr. Ingo Steinke und Dr. Alexandra Avdeenko

Offered: FSS 2017

Method: Lecture (2) + exercise class (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic Stata skills of advantage

Exam: Programming exam

ECTS: 6

Course description:

The course gives an introduction into the data management in Stata. In the first part elementary statistical methods and linear regression are discussed and executed with Stata. Moreover, students will learn how to conduct Monte-Carlo simulations. These are important for the verification of implementations and are used as a important tool to analyze the small sample properties of estimators and tests. Finally, advanced statistical models are examined, e.g. nonlinear regression models, binary and multinomial models and panel data models.

Einfuhrende Literatur: Cameron/ Trivedi (2009). Microeconometrics using Stata. Stata Press.

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The Evolution of Financial Markets

Donges, A.

Montag L7, 3-5, S031	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	wochentlich	13.02.2017 – 29.05.2017
Mittwoch L15, 1-6, A001	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	wochentlich	15.02.2017 – 31.05.2017

Kommentar:

Outline (lecture):

1. Introduction
2. Early capital market integration and trade finance
 - 2.1 The monetary system of the late medieval period
 - 2.2 The market for foreign bills of exchange
3. Bond markets and debt crisis
 - 3.1 The debt policy of Habsburg Spain in the 16th century
 - 3.2 The emergence of sovereign bond markets in England and in the Netherlands
 - 3.3 Bond markets in the international gold standard era
 - 3.4 Debt crisis after the Second World War
4. Stock market booms and bubbles
 - 4.1 The 'Mississippi Bubble' and the 'South Sea Bubble' (1719/20)
 - 4.2 Stock markets in the 19th century
 - 4.3 The stock market boom of the 1920s and the 'Great Crash' of 1929
 - 4.4 Stock market cycles after the Second World War
5. Futures markets
 - 5.1 Introduction: some basic facts about financial derivatives
 - 5.2 The emergence of future markets in the 19th century
6. Final discussion

Literature:

The course is based on quantitative and qualitative research papers, published in the leading academic journals of finance and economic history (e. g. The Journal of Finance, Financial History Review, The Journal of Economic History). I provide detailed references on the lecture slides.

For a general introduction to financial history, I recommend the following popular books:

- Ferguson, Niall (2008): The ascent of money. A financial history of the world, London.
- Reinhart, Carmen M./Rogoff, Kenneth S. (2009): This time is different. Eight Centuries of Financial Folly, Princeton.

Course title: The Evolution of Financial Markets

Instructor: Dr. Alexander Donges

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2), exercise-class (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in econometrics (at the level of "Grundlagen der Ökonometrie")

Examination: Written exam (90 minutes) (70%) and presentation (30%).

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course focuses on the evolution of financial markets since the late medieval period. We analyze the emergence of the modern financial system and the creation of financial innovations. Beginning with foreign bills of exchange in the Habsburg Netherlands of the 16th century, we consider the emergence of bond markets, sovereign debt crises, stock market booms and bubbles, as well as the emergence of the futures market.

The course includes a lecture (2 hours a week) and a practical exercise session (2 hours a week). In the exercise session we discuss selected empirical research papers that focus on the history of financial markets and financial crises.

In addition to the final exam, every participant has to present an empirical research paper as part of the exercise session. The presentation accounts for 30% of the final grade. I am going to announce the papers for the presentation in the first lecture.

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Time Series Analysis

Stocker, T.

Freitag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 17.02.2017 – 02.06.2017
L7, 3-5, 001

Übung (Gruppe 1):
Donnerstag 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 23.02.2017 – 01.06.2017
L7, 3-5, P043

Übung (Gruppe 2):
Freitag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 24.02.2017 – 02.06.2017
L7, 3-5, P043

Kommentar:

Course title: Time Series Analysis

Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker

Method (hours per week): Lecture (2) + exercise class (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English on demand

Prerequisites: Basic Statistics, Basic Econometrics. Laptop needed

Examination: Final exam (120 min) 80%, exercise class 20%

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

The lecture gives an introduction to applied univariate and multivariate time series techniques and will cover AR(I)MA, ADL, VAR and GARCH processes. We will discuss model specification and diagnosis, forecasting and unit root testing. Depending on time, we will also cover estimation of dynamic causal effects and the cointegration concept. The lecture will be accompanied by computer tutorials and exercises. The statistical software package R will intensively be used throughout this course.

Please have a look on our website <http://statistik.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/> at the beginning of the semester for more course information.

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Seminars

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Cultural Economics ****			Svorencik, A.
Montag L9, 1-2, 002	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	13.02.2017
Freitag L9, 1-2, 003	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	28.04.2017
Samstag L9, 1-2, 003	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	29.04.2017
Kommentar:			
Course title: Cultural Economics			
Instructor: Dr. Andrej Svorencik			
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)			
Course level: Bachelor			
Course language: English			
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A, Makroökonomik A			
Examination: Seminar paper; seminar presentation; active participation in class			
ECTS-Credits: 6			
Course description:			
Cultural economics is the application of economic analysis to the creative and performing arts, the heritage and cultural industries, in both the public and private sectors. It is concerned with the economic organization of the cultural sector and with the behavior of producers, consumers and governments in that sector. Topics from which students can choose their presentation include for instance: economics of art (demand and supply for art, art auctions), economics of luxury goods, economics of the performing arts, economics of cultural heritage, economics of creative industries (music industry, film industry, festivals, museums), economics of broadcasting, book publishing, and cultural policy. Students develop skills in reading and analyzing research papers. They are asked to write a literature survey on their topic and communicate their understanding through an oral presentation. Students develop skills in analyzing cultural economics issues and understanding their effects on economic agents using models, case studies and empirical methods.			
Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.			
Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.			
Please register via E-Mail to: asvorencik@gmail.com			
Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve. Maximum number of participants: 13			
Contact person: Dr. Andrej Svorencik, Tel.: (0621) 181-3425, E-Mail: svorencik@uni-mannheim.de , Office: L7, 3-5, R 4.06			

Economic Policy Evaluation

Siegloch, S.

Dienstag L7, 3-5, S031	13:45 Uhr bis 15:30 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.02.2017
Donnerstag tba	08:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	06.04.2017
Freitag tba	08:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	07.04.2017

Kommentar:

There will be an introductory session of 90 minutes in the first week of the semester. The seminar will be held in two full-day sessions during the semester. The exact dates of the sessions will be set in the introductory session at the latest.

Course title: Economic Policy Evaluation

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Siegloch

Offered: Spring term

Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Seminar participation (20%) + seminar presentation (30%) + paper summary (50%)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

This block seminar introduces current empirical methods needed for economic policy evaluation. The course specializes on one or two specific subfields of labor and/or public economics, such as minimum wages, personal income taxation or local public finance. For each subfield, a set of current research papers will be covered in class. The subfield(s) and the corresponding reading list will be announced in October (<http://sites.google.com/site/sebastiansiegloch/teaching>).

Students will choose a paper from the reading list and present it in the seminar. They also have to write a short report (max. 10 pages) which summarizes and evaluates the chosen paper critically.

Students will learn about research designs and identification strategies needed to evaluate economic policies by working with and on these current papers. They get acquainted with modern empirical methods of policy evaluation and will learn how to implement a sound and clean research design to identify the impact of economic policies

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Please register via E-Mail to: Sebastian Siegloch (siegloch@uni-mannheim.de)

Selection process of seminar participants: First come, first serve, but preference will be given to students with fewer completed seminars and to students who attended the lecture "Fiscal and Labor Market Policy". Maximum number of participants: 13

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Siegloch, Tel.: (0621) 181-1818, E-Mail: siegloch@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.08

Education and Health Programs in Developing Countries ****

Kaufmann, K.

Mittwoch L7, 3-5, P044	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	15.02.2017
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	28.04.2017
Samstag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	29.04.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Education and Health Programs in Developing Countries

Instructor: Prof. Katja Kaufmann, Ph.D.

Offered: Spring term

Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Statistik I + II

Examination: Presentation (30%), seminar paper (50%), discussions (20%)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

In this course, we will discuss several of the most important antipoverty programs in developing countries. In particular, we will focus on education and health programs. We will talk about the implementation of the programs, program details, how the design and type of programs has been changing over the course of the last decades and why. The main goal of this course is to teach students how to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs in terms of their effects on people's health, educational attainment, labour market earnings, fertility decisions, poverty, well-being and so forth. An evaluation of the causal effect of such programs is extremely challenging because one would need to observe people in the state of "having been part of the program", but one would also need to observe those same individuals in the state of "not having been part of the program" to compare the outcomes in these two different states of the world, which is obviously not possible.

This course will teach students how the impact of antipoverty programs can be evaluated using intuitive and important widely-used methods such as conducting a randomized experiment or applying matching, Difference-in-difference, instrumental variable or regression discontinuity approaches.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Please register via E-Mail to: Ms. Jann-Grahovac (cjann@uni-mannheim.de)

Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve. Maximum number of participants: 20

Contact person: Prof. Katja Kaufmann, Ph.D., Tel.: (0621) 181-1959, E-Mail: kaufmann@vwl.uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room P01, Office hour: upon appointment.

Emissions Trading in Theory and Practice**Wagner, U.**

Donnerstag L9, 1-2, 003	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	16.02.2017
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	19.05.2017
Samstag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	20.05.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Emissions Trading in Theory and Practice

Offered: Spring term 2017

Instructor: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Markets and the Environment (can be taken concurrently)

Examination: Presentation (30%), seminar paper (50%), discussions (20%)

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Since environmental policies were first implemented in industrialized countries more than four decades ago, the initial "command-and-control" approach has given way to more decentralized, price-based policies to regulated pollution emissions. A Pigouvian tax is such a well-established policy, but governments around the world are increasingly favoring "emissions trading" schemes, i.e. establishing a market where polluters can buy and sell emission permits. Drawing on theoretical, empirical and experimental research, this seminar analyzes a variety of economic, political and environmental aspects of this policy: Environmental effectiveness and economic costs, impacts on market structure and on international competitiveness, incentives for innovation in clean technologies, optimal design of permit allocation mechanisms and market stabilizing interventions, as well as behavioral aspects. Students will write a 10-page paper on a particular aspect and present their work in class.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Please register via E-Mail to: ulrich.wagner@uni-mannheim.de

Selection process of seminar participants: first come, first serve

Maximum number of participants: 20

Contact person: Prof. Ulrich Wagner, Ph.D.; E-Mail: ulrich.wagner@uni-mannheim.de; Tel.: +49 (0) 621 181-1420; Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.11; Office hours by appointment

Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization**Takahashi, H.**

Mittwoch L7, 3-5, P043	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	15.02.2017
Samstag L7, 3-5, P043	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	27.05.2017
Sonntag L7, 3-5, P043	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	28.05.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization
Offered: Every Fall semester
Instructor: Prof. Hidenori Takahashi, Ph.D.
Method: block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie
Examination: Research review (50%) + Presentation (50%)
ECTS: 6

Course description:

This course is intended to provide an introduction to empirical industrial organization (IO). We will discuss the model, research question, sources of identification and estimation methodology. Topics include estimation of production functions, collusion, differentiated product demand, price discrimination, vertical relationships, and technology adoption. Students are required to select one paper for presentation and another one for writing a review (the guideline is provided at the organizational meeting). Each student has up to 30 minutes for presentation followed by a 10-minutes discussion.

Registration via E-Mail to: htakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de including your student number. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Selection process of seminar participants: Priority will be given to students of higher semesters and students that have completed fewer seminars. The remaining places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Maximum number of participants: 15

Contact person: Prof. Hidenori Takahashi, Ph.D., Tel.: (0621) 181 - 1767, E-Mail: htakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de, office: L7, 3-5 3.08; Office hours: by appointment.

Empirical Seminar in Productivity Measurement

Schober, D.

Termine tba
Raum tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Empirical Seminar in Productivity Measurement
Instructor: Dr. Dominik Schober
Term: Spring semester 2017
Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A+B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie
Examination: Seminar thesis (50 %), presentation (30 %), discussion (20 %)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The course provides an introduction to Stata and the basics of efficiency and productivity measurement. This will take place in a block meeting at the beginning of the spring semester. In addition, topics and papers to discuss will be presented. The goal is to replicate and apply the productivity measurement methods to data of other case studies or to simulated data and to demonstrate strength and weaknesses of the methods. These methods are useful in many fields of applied economic research such as industrial, public or, more general, all micro-based empirical economics.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.
Registration via E-Mail to: schober@zew.de
Selection process of seminar participants: first-come first-serve
Maximum number of participants: 13

Contact person: Dr. Dominik Schober, Tel.: (0621) 1235-385, e-Mail: schober@zew.de

Institutions and Economic Development in Historical Perspective

Donges, A.

Freitag 09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 24.03.2017
L9, 1-2, 003

Samstag 09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 25.03.2017
L9, 1-2, 003

Kommentar:

Course title: Institutions and Economic Development in Historical Perspective
Instructor: Dr. Alexander Donges
Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in econometrics (at the level of "Grundlagen der Ökonometrie")
Examination: Seminar paper (70%) and oral presentation (30%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

In this seminar, we discuss the long-run effect of institutional change on economic development. We focus on different countries and periods of time, e.g. the effect of economic liberalization in 19th century Europe, or institutional differences between Europe and former colonies, which include a variety of factors, e.g. property rights, political participation, and the effectiveness of the legal system. The critical discussion of recent empirical research is part of the seminar. Therefore, basic knowledge in econometrics (at the level of "Grundlagen der Ökonometrie") is useful.

In November, a detailed list of seminar topics and introductory literature will be available on:
<http://donges.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/>

Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (at least 10 pages), which has to be presented in class (20 min. presentation, 20 min. discussion). The seminar paper accounts for 70% of the final grade, the presentation accounts for 30%. Papers can be written either in English or German, presentations have to be in English. You have to attend all seminar session to pass the course.

Please note that you have to register within the registration week (20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00). Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. You have to apply for seminar participation by e-mail to Alexander Donges (donges@uni-mannheim.de). Please note that you have to indicate at least three seminar topics in your preferred order, based on the list that will be available online. Topics are allocated according to the principle „first-come, first-served“. The maximum number of participants is 14.

Contact person: Dr. Alexander Donges; Tel.: (0621) 181 - 3428; E-Mail: donges@uni-mannheim.de;
Office: L7, 3-5, room S10

Internet Economics

Kesler, R./ Laitenberger, U.

Donnerstag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr Einzeltermin 16.02.2017
Eingangsbereich Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung GmbH (ZEW) Mannheim, L7, 1

Kommentar:

Course title: Internet Economics
Instructor: Dr. Ulrich Laitenberger, Reinhold Kesler
Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, Internet Economics (Vorlesung)
Examination: Presentation, seminar paper and discussions
ECTS: 6

Course description:

In the seminar we will discuss papers related to Internet Economics. We will talk about the underlying model, the research question, sources of identification and estimation methodology.

There will be an introductory session in the first week of the semester, in which papers are assigned. The seminar will be held in two full-day sessions during the semester. The exact dates of the sessions will be set in the introductory session at the latest.

Topics include:

- Selling mechanisms in online market
- Platform and two-sided markets
- Targeted Advertising
- Market transparency and reputation in online markets
- Consumer Privacy
- Economics of App Markets
- Economics of Media Markets

Students are required to select one paper that they will present. They are also required to write a seminar paper (the guideline is provided at the organizational meeting). Each student has up to 30 minutes for presentation followed by a 10-minutes discussion.

Please note that you have to register within the registration week (20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00). Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. You have to apply for seminar participation by e-mail to laitenberger@zew.de. Selection process: first come, first served.

Contact person: Dr. Ulrich Laitenberger, Tel.: (0621) 1235 – 185, E-Mail: laitenberger@zew.de, office: L7, 1 (ZEW); Office hours: by appointment.

Political and Economic Institutions as the Source of Economic Growth

Habermalz, S.

Dienstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr wöchentlich 14.02.2017 – 30.05.2017
L7, 3-5, P043

Kommentar:

Course title: Political and Economic Institutions as the Source of Economic Growth
Instructor(s): Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D.

Offered: Spring 2017
 Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich
 Examination: Presentation (30%), seminar paper (50%), participation/discussion (20%)
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

It is clear that technological progress and, to some extent, capital accumulation (physical and human) drive economic growth in developed societies. However, these factors cannot explain the persistent gap in development that continues to exist between the developed and less developed world. In this regard economists resort to fundamental causes of growth like luck, geography, culture and institutions. While the first three can certainly be important they are also immutable (geography and luck) or take a very long time to change (culture). Therefore, this seminar will examine the hypothesis that differences in political and economic institutions (rules, laws, policies etc.) are the main cause of divergent economic growth between rich and poor countries. The main book of the seminar will be "Why Nations Fail" by Acemoglu/Robinson

Registration via E-Mail to: habermalz@uni-manheim.de, including your student number.
 Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.
 Selection process of seminar participants: Priority will be given to students of higher semesters and students that have completed fewer seminars. The remaining places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Maximum number of participants: 24

Contact person(s): Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D., E-Mail.: habermalz@uni-mannheim.de

Seminar Spieltheorie ****

Tröger, T.

Montag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 03.04.2017 - 29.05.2017
 L7, 3-5, P044

Mittwoch 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 05.04.2017 - 31.05.2017
 L7, 3-5, P044

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar Spieltheorie
 Instructor: Prof. Dr. Thomas Tröger
 Offered: Once a year
 Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: German, English on demand
 Prerequisites: Spieltheorie
 Examination: Seminar presentation (50%), seminar paper (33%) and active participation (17%)
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Building on the abilities obtained in the course on game theory, students are led to independent reading of scientific articles. To this end, selected articles from current research are used. The students present these articles in front of other students and in a written homework assignment.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.
 Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.
 Registration via E-Mail to: troeger@uni-mannheim.de

Selection process of seminar participants: höhere Fachsemester haben Vorrang (außer, wenn bereits ein Seminar erfolgreich absolviert wurde), ansonsten first-come first-serve (außer, wenn Seminar bereits am 1. Anmeldetag überbelegt -> in diesem Fall: Losverfahren). Maximum number of participants: 13

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Thomas Tröger, Tel.: 181-3423, Email: troeger@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.47

Strategic Information Transmission for Bachelor Students

Honryo, T.

Montag 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 20.02.2017
L9, 1-2, 002

Freitag 10:00 Uhr bis 16:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 28.04.2017
Raum tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Strategic Information Transmission for Bachelor students

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Takakazu Honryo

Offered: Spring term

Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of non-cooperative game theory

Examination: Term paper, presentation

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Students are required to pick one paper in selected topics and give a presentation to discuss the paper's strengths and weaknesses. Based on comments that they receive in the presentation, students are required to write a report summarizing the seminar paper. Topics include cheap talk games, persuasion games, and their application to political economics. To make a presentation in class based on a paper of your choice on strategic information transmission, I recommend you pick a paper from the list I will distribute.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Registration via E-Mail to: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de

Selection process of seminar participants: first-come first-serve. Maximum number of participants: 13

Contact person(s): Prof. Takakazu Honryo, Tel. 181-3062, E-Mail: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.43

Strategic Thinking

Penczynski, S.

Freitag 10:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 03.03.2017
L9, 1-2, 003

Samstag 10:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 04.03.2017
L7, 3-5, P044

Kommentar:

Course title: Strategic Thinking
 Instructor: Prof. Dr. Stefan Penczynski
 Offered: Irregular cycle
 Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Grundlagenphase
 Examination: Seminar paper, oral presentation
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The standard tool to predict strategic outcomes with Game Theory is the Nash Equilibrium. Experimental work has shown that subjects do not play equilibrium actions in new and unfamiliar strategic situations. This seminar will introduce students to the young field of strategic thinking. We will consider theoretical developments in modeling strategic reasoning processes, new areas in which these models can be applied as well as novel experimental methods to obtain data about reasoning processes.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Registration via E-Mail to: Yvonne Reiter (reiterey@rumms.uni-mannheim.de)

Selection process of seminar participants: höhere Fachsemester haben Vorrang (außer, wenn bereits ein Seminar erfolgreich absolviert wurde), ansonsten first-come first-serve. Maximum number of participants: 13

Contact person: Prof. Stefan Penczynski PhD, Tel. 181-3656, E-Mail: stefan.penczynski@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.04

The Economics of Structural Change ****

Dürnecker, G.

Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	17.02.2017
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.04.2017
Samstag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	15.04.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: The Economics of Structural Change
 Instructor: Prof. Dr. Georg Dürnecker, Ph.D.
 Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: None
 Examination: Seminar paper (60%) + Presentation (30%) + Class participation (10%)
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Structural change is one of the most striking empirical regularities of an economy's development process. It refers to secular changes in the distribution of output and inputs across the sectors of an economy. Most prominent examples of structural change are "de/industrialization" and "the rise of the service economy". In this seminar, we look at the causes of structural change and its consequences for labor markets, inequality and aggregate economic growth. We explore a variety of topics including, for

example, job polarization, household production, the European employment dilemma, and the link between structural change and business cycles.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Registration via E-Mail to: duernecker@uni-mannheim.de, including your student number.

Selection process of seminar participants: Priority will be given to students who are in their 5th semester or higher. The remaining places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Maximum number of participants: 20

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Georg Dürnecker, Ph.D.; E-Mail: duernecker@uni-mannheim.de; Tel.: (0621) 181-1804; Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.46.

Topics in International Economics ****

Fadinger, H.

Mittwoch L9, 1-2, 002	13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr	Einzeltermin	08.03.2017
Freitag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	31.03.2017
Samstag L7, 3-5, P044	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	01.04.2017

Kommentar:

Course title: Topics in International Economics

Offered: Spring term

Instructor: Prof. Harald Fadinger, Ph.D.

Method (hours per week): Block seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A, Makroökonomik A, Internationale Ökonomik

Examination: Oral presentation, term paper

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

This seminar covers varying topics in international economics (depending on the students' interest), such as: currency crises and sovereign debt crises; the impact of trade and offshoring on labor markets in developing and industrialized countries, the impact of trade on development/growth. Students should ideally already have some knowledge of international economics (e.g. by having taken the lecture International Economics) and econometrics, since we will mostly discuss empirical papers. The course will have a seminar structure. Students will present academic articles in class and write a term paper. The seminar sessions will be scheduled in the organizational meeting, the date of which is to be announced.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar within the common registration week: 20th November 2016, 22:00 until 25th November 2016, 24:00.

Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Please register via E-Mail to: Nadine Scherer (nadine.scherer@vwl.uni-mannheim.de), please enclose your final grade in the course "International Economics" ("Internationale Ökonomik") - if you did not write the exam yet you will be put on the waiting list

Selection process of seminar participants: ranking based on the grade achieved in the course "International Economics" ("Internationale Ökonomik"). Maximum number of participants: 20

Contact person: Prof. Harald Fadinger, Ph.D., E-Mail: harald.fadinger@uni-mannheim.de, Tel.: (0621) 181 - 3505, Office: L7, 3-5, room 4.19

C. Additional courses for economists

Forschungsseminar in Wirtschaftsgeschichte

Streb, J.

Mittwoch 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 15.02.2017 - 31.05.2017

Kommentar:

Im Forschungsseminar präsentieren Mannheimer und auswärtige Wissenschaftler und Doktoranden ihre aktuellen Forschungsprojekte.

Es können daran außer Studierenden im Bachelor- und Masterstudiengang VWL und Doktoranden der Abteilung VWL auch Absolventen geschichtswissenschaftlicher Studiengänge teilnehmen.

Course title: Economic History Research Seminar

Offered: Every semester

Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor, Master, Ph.D.

Course language: English

Examination: None

ECTS-credits: None

Course description:

In this seminar both researchers from other universities and doctoral students from Mannheim will present their current research projects.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb, Tel.: 181-1932, E-Mail: streb@uni-mannheim.de; L7,3-5, room P19/20

Ringvorlesung

Fachschaft VWL

Mittwoch 19:00 Uhr bis 20:30 Uhr Einzeltermine

Kommentar:

Die genauen Termine der einzelnen Veranstaltungen werden noch bekannt gegeben.
Bitte beachten Sie die Ankündigungen über die Webseite der Fachschaft VWL, die sich für die Organisation der Ringvorlesung verantwortlich zeichnet, unter <http://fsvwl.uni-mannheim.de/cms/index.php/ringvorlesungen.html>.

Contact: Fachschaft VWL, Tel.: (0621) 181-1780, E-Mail: fachschaftvwl@gmail.com, Office: L9, 7, room 2.11

Vorlesung "Aktuelle Themen der Wirtschaftspolitik"

Grüner, H. P.

Dienstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermine

Kommentar:

Es wird vornehmlich in der zweiten Semesterhälfte bis zu sieben Vorträge geben. Die Termine können gegebenenfalls mit den Terminen der Veranstaltung "Wirtschaftspolitik" montags 10:15-11:45 Uhr getauscht werden. Bitte erkundigen Sie sich auf unserer Website (<http://gruener.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/3851.0.html>) nach aktuellen Updates.

Course title: Vorlesung "Aktuelle Themen der Wirtschaftspolitik"

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Hans Peter Grüner

Offered: each spring semester

Method (hours per week): Lecture (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: German

Prerequisites: none

Examination: none

ECTS-Credits: none

Course description:

The course deals with practical problems in various areas of economic policy. Practitioners from outside the university are invited to talk about their experiences.

Expected competences acquired after completion: students learn to apply insights from economic science to practical problems.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Grüner, Tel. (0621) 181-1886, E-Mail: gruener@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, room 2.06

Wohnungswirtschaftliches Seminar

Gans, P.

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 09.03.2017
L7, 3-5, P044

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 06.04.2017
L7, 3-5, P044

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 27.04.2017
L7, 3-5, P044

Kommentar:

Referentinnen und Referenten z. B. aus der Wohnungswirtschaft, Kreditwirtschaft, Stadtentwicklung tragen zu einem übergeordneten Thema vor. Termine und Vortragsthemen sind ab Semesterbeginn auf der Homepage www.wohnungsseminar.de zu finden.

Für diese Veranstaltung können keine Leistungsnachweise ausgestellt werden.

Contact: Prof. Dr. Paul Gans, E-Mail: paulgans@uni-mannheim.de

Courses offered by the university library

Business Studies & Economics: Library Basics

Pintsch, M./ Selzer, K.

Dienstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr Einzeltermin 14.02.2017
Foyer of Central Lending Library – Schloss Westflügel Library

Kommentar:

This information session is especially targeted at exchange students in the areas of Business Studies or Economics. It provides students with an overview of the University Library and answers questions such as:

- Which services does the University Library offer?
- How does the online catalog 'Primo' work?
- Where and how do I find the library branches which are relevant for me?
- How can I access the library's electronic resources?

After the information session there will be a short tour through the relevant libraries (Schloss Schneckenhof (Business Studies), Schloss Ehrenhof (Economics, Accounting & Taxation), textbook library.

Course language: English

Target audience: Students in Business Studies or Economics new at the University of Mannheim

Further dates by arrangement (starting from 5 participants).

The course can also be booked by lecturers for seminar or thesis courses. Please contact the responsible subject librarian for date arrangements or further information.

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Business Studies & Economics: Literature Search

Pintsch, M./ Selzer, K.

Freitag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr Einzeltermin 17.02.2017
Library "Schloss Ehrenhof", training classroom (Schulungsraum)

Kommentar:

The course teaches techniques of a scientific literature search by the example of Economics and Business databases (Business Source Premier, ABI/INFORM Complete, EconLit) and describes how to get access to the books and electronic documents.

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