Department of Economics
Courses held in English language
Autumn semester 2013

This catalogue comprises courses on Bachelor level only. All courses on Master and Ph.D.-level are offered in English language.

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A. Introductory phase

Exercise classes for Makro B and Mikro B will be announced 4 weeks prior to the semester on the website of the faculty.

Makroökonomik B (englisch)

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Ramos Santos, C.

wtl	Di	10:15 - 11:45	03.09.2013-03.12.2013	Schloss Ostflügel SN 163
14-täglich	Di	15:30 - 17:00	03.09.2013-03.12.2013	A 5, 6 Bauteil B B 144

Kommentar:

Course title: Makroökonomik B (englisch)
Instructor: Prof. Cezar Santos, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + practical exercises (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Makroökonomik A recommended
Examination: There will be one midterm and one final exam (all written). The course grade will be computed as follows Midterm 40% of course grade, Final 60% of course grade. The (tentative) date of the midterm is October 15. Participation in the midterm is compulsory for taking the final exam in December. However, the retake exam in February is independent of the midterm.
ECTS-Credits: 8

Course description:
• A one-period model of the macroeconomy
• Savings and investment
• Money and business cycles
• Topics in banking
Remark: This course offers a micro-founded introduction to modern macro models of the business cycle, including a mathematical derivation of these models. We will therefore draw heavily on the contents of the courses Analysis and Mikroökonomik A.
Note: there is also an independent German version of Macro B. Both courses cover essentially the same material and adopt the same book. Moreover, the exercise sessions on both languages will discuss the same problem sets. However, organizational details and grading will be determined by each instructor.
Literature: Stephen Williamson “Macroeconomics” Fifth (or fourth) Edition, Pearson.

Contact person(s): Prof. Cezar Santos, Ph.D., E-Mail: santos@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, P04, Tel. 181-1854.

Mikroökonomik B (englisch)

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Nosal, K.

14-täglich	Mo	15:30 - 17:00	02.09.2013-02.12.2013	Schloss Mittelbau M 003
wtl	Mi	10:15 - 11:45	04.09.2013-06.12.2013	Schloss Mittelbau M 003

Kommentar:

Syllabus:
Hal R. Varian, Grundzüge der Mikroökonomik. (6. Auflage), Oldenburg, 2004.
Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld, Mikroökonomie. (6. oder 7. Auflage), Pearson Studium, 2005.

Course title: Mikroökonomie B
Instructors: Prof. Kathleen Nosal
Method (hours per week): 3 (lecture) + 2 (practical exercises)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Examination: written, 120 min
ECTS-Credits: 8
Course description: imperfect competition: monopoly, monopsony and oligopoly; strategic actions; game theory; externalities; public goods; markets with asymmetric information.

Contact person: Anja Mayer, Secretary, Tel. 181-3503, E-Mail: mayer@vwl.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 321.

Internationale Ökonomik

Vorlesung und Übung		2st.			Honryo, T. / N., N.
wtl	Fr	08:30 - 11:45	06.09.2013-25.10.2013	Schloss Schneckenhof Nord SN 169	

Kommentar:

Course title: International Economics
Instructors: Prof. Takakazu Honryo / N., N.
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + tutorial (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Very basic knowledge about Economics
Examination: written, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: The first half of the course covers core topics in international trade, such as two classical theories each of which is based on comparative advantage (Ricardo-Heckscher-Ohlin) and scale economy (Krugman), and reviews their empirical supports.

We also discuss the following topics:
1. International income inequality
2. Foreign investment and multinational enterprise
3. Offshoring and outsourcing
4. Multilateral trade agreements (GATT/WTO) and regional trade agreements.

The second half of the course covers international macroeconomics, including the discussion of economic policy in a small open economy in the theoretical framework of the Mundell-Fleming model.

Other issues covered will be:
1. Exchange rate systems
2. Exchange rate overshooting
3. Financial crises

Contact person(s): Takakazu Honryo, E-Mail: thonryo@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 343, Tel. 181-3062.

B. Advanced phase

Angewandte Mikroökonometrie mit STATA / Applied Microeconometrics with STATA

Vorlesung und Übung 4st. Bertschek, I. / Engelstätter, B.

wtl	Fr	12:00 - 13:30	06.09.2013-06.12.2013	L 9, 1-2 002	Bertschek
wtl	Fr	14:00 - 15:30	06.09.2013-06.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 158	Engelstätter

Kommentar:

Course title: Angewandte Mikroökonometrie mit STATA / Applied Microeconometrics with STATA
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Irene Bertschek / Benjamin Engelstätter
Offered: every fall semester
Method (hours per week): Lecture (2), practical exercises (2)
Course Level: Bachelor
Course Language: German or English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics, Statistics, Basic Econometrics
Examination: written final exam, 90 min., and practical exercises
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: This course will give an overview of microeconometric tools and their applications to large-scale micro-data. Students will learn how to choose and apply appropriate econometric tools considering OLS regression, instrumental variable estimation, discrete choice methods, panel data analysis etc. The focus will be on identification issues and on developing a convincing research design. Moreover, the course will provide an introduction to social network analysis.

Contact person: Irene Bertschek, E-Mail: bertschek@zew.de, Tel. 1235-178, L7,1, room 347.

Applied Multvariate Statistics

Vorlesung und Übung 4st. Stocker, T.

wtl	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	06.09.2013-06.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043
wtl	Fr	08:30 - 10:00	13.09.2013-06.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043

Kommentar:

In dieser Veranstaltung werden klassische statistische Methoden zur Beschreibung und Analyse höherdimensionaler Daten vorgestellt. Von der statistischen Software R wird dabei intensiver Gebrauch gemacht. Themen: Allgemeine Grundlagen, grafische Methoden, Hauptkomponentenanalyse, Faktorenanalyse, verschiedene Methoden zur Diskriminierung, Klassifizierung und Gruppierung von Daten. Studenten ohne Kenntnisse in Ökonometrie empfehle ich, vorher mit mir Kontakt aufzunehmen.
Please, have a look on our website http://mammen.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/ at the beginning of the semester for more course information.
Literatur: Richard A. Johnson, Dean W. Wichern (2007): Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis; Pearson International Edition.

Course title: Applied Multivariate Statistics
Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English on demand
Prerequisites: Basic Statistics, Basic Econometrics (would be helpful), Laptop required!
Examination: 80% written exam (120 minutes), 20% practical exercises
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: In this course, classical statistical methods for describing and analyzing high-dimensional data will be introduced. The statistical software package R will intensively be used. Topics: Principal Components, Factor Analysis, various methods for discrimination, classification and clustering of data. Students without any background in Econometrics are recommended to contact me. Please, have a look on our website http://mammen.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/ at the beginning of the semester for more course information.

Contact persons: Dr. Toni Stocker, E-Mail: stocker@rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 143, Tel. 181-3963.

Biases in economic decision making

Blockseminar 2st. Orzen, H.

Kommentar:

Time and place tba (two consecutive Fridays, about mid-November)

Course title: Biases in economic decision making
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen
Offered: every fall semester
Method (hours per week): seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics B
Examination: Seminar paper; seminar presentation; active participation in class
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: This seminar introduces students to a range of empirical and experimental findings that reveal systematic biases in human decision making. While our brains can perform many complex and incredible tasks, there are certain types of situations in which humans tend to commit specific cognitive errors. This can lead to flawed decisions and undesirable outcomes. However, boundedly rational behavior can also have advantages and positive effects. In this seminar we will discuss various topics in this field.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, Tel. 181-1890, E-Mail: henrik.orzen@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 405.

Competition Economics

Vorlesung Takahashi, Y.

wtl	Do	12:00 - 13:30	05.09.2013-05.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 S 031

Kommentar:

Course title: Competition Economics
Instructor: Prof. Yuya Takahashi, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): lecture (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic microeconomics (necessary) and basic econometrics (preferred)
Examination: Homework assignment and written final exam, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description: The course covers core topics in industrial organization, such as competition and market structure, product differentiation, entry and exit, vertical relationships, cartel, and technology adoption. We use microeconomics and game theory to analyze how firms and consumers behave in strategic environments and analyze how market structures are determined. In addition, we put a special emphasis on empirical aspects of economic models in IO; i.e., identification of demand and supply, merger evaluations, detection of cartels, and estimation of entry-exit models. We use econometrics and statistical software to conduct empirical exercises.

Contact person: Prof. Yuya Takahashi, Ph.D., E-Mail: ytakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 308, Tel. 181-1767.

E862 High-dimensional statistical models

Seminar 2st. Mammen, E. / Jentsch, C.

wtl	Di	15:30 - 17:00	03.09.2013-03.12.2013

Kommentar:

Course title: E862 High-dimensional statistical models
Instructors: Prof. Dr. Enno Mammen, Dr. Carsten Jentsch
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): lecture (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Advanced econometrics 2 (PhD Programme economics) or Grundlagen der Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie

(business mathematics), Mathematical econometrics and statistics
Examination: tba.
ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description: High-dimensional models play a central role in the developments of statistical research in the last years. A starting point for research was the central observation that models with dimensions much larger than the sample size can be consistently estimated if one puts sparsity constraints on the model. Sparsity means that one assumes that the model can be well fitted by setting most of the coefficients equal to zero but by making no assumptions which coefficients should be kept. This theory goes back to recent developments in the compression of data (compressed sensing) and has also their roots in the theory of nonparametric statistics. Recent applications in econometrics include models with a large number of explaining variables or of instruments and the study of complex semiparametric models.

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Economic Growth

Vorlesung und Übung 4st. Lee, S.

wtl	Mo	10:15 - 11:45	02.09.2013-02.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 044 Übungstermin folgt in Kürze!

Kommentar:

Course title: Economic Growth
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Calculus, Macro A
Examination: Homework assignments, final exam
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description: Traditional explanations for economic growth were primarily based on physical capital accumulation and population growth. More recently, economists have focused on human capital accumulation, government intervention, and technological innovation. In this seminar, students are asked to find their own explanations for economic growth. You will present empirical evidence, either within a single country over time or a cross-country comparison, to demonstrate that your explanation of choice indeed matters for growth. The explanation must be further backed by careful reasoning of why it should matter, either through a theoretical argument or additional empirical evidence. A self-contained term paper covering the presented material and comments from the instructor/peers is required for final evaluation. Growth typically refers to economic progress post-industrialization, while development refers to the process of industrialization itself, or the process of less-developed countries catching up with advanced countries. In this course students will familiarize themselves with stylized facts in economic growth and development, along with the basic tools to analyze them. We will begin by summarizing stylized growth facts for industrialized countries and the world as a whole. We then proceed to learn the Solow growth model and its variants, which attempt to explain these facts - the main elements of the model are physical and human capital, population growth, and technological progress. The model-based approach allows us to think about the effects of government policy or exogenous changes from outside the model. We conclude the first half of the course with a theoretical review of why these models are able to explain some growth facts, where they fail, and a brief discussion of globalization.
The latter half of the course will focus on development. We will briefly review Solow model variants of development and discuss why they are less well suited to answer questions regarding development. To this end, we study a Malthusian model and contrast its implications with a Solow-style model. With the Malthusian model as a building block, we incorporate industrialization and examine what happens along a transition to a Solow model. The transition dynamics is shown to be able to explain sectoral shifts and demographic trends during development.

Contact person: Prof. Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee, E-Mail: sylee.tim@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5 room P09, Tel. 181-3751.

Economics of Financial Crises

Blockseminar 2st. Tertilt, M.

Einzel	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	06.09.2013-06.09.2013
Block+Sa	-	09:00 - 18:00	22.11.2013-23.11.2013

Kommentar:

Course title: Economics of Financial Crises
Instructor: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Micro A + B, Macro A + B
Examination: class presentation and term paper. Active participation is expected.
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: In this seminar we will analyze the economics of financial crises from several perspectives. Topics include causes and consequences of crises, the analysis of specific historical episodes, formal theories of financial crises, and financial contagion. Students will learn to read, understand, and synthesize current research papers. At the organizational meeting, each student will be assigned a specific topic within the general theme. During the semester students are expected to work on their topics independently. Students will present their findings to each other at the block seminar. Active participation is expected. Students will summarize the results in a written term paper.

Contact person: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D., E-Mail: tertilt@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5 room P11, Tel. 181-1841.

Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

Blockseminar 2st. Shcherbakov, O.

Einzel Mo 15:30 - 17:00 09.09.2013-09.09.2013 L 7, 3-5 410

Kommentar:

Course title: Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization
Instructor: Oleksandr Shcherbakov, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics.
Examination: Presentation and a paper review
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: This course is intended to provide an introduction to empirical industrial organization (IO) and also familiarize students with research at the frontiers of the field. We will discuss in detail the model, research question, sources of identification and estimation methodology. Topics include estimation of production functions, models of collusion, differentiated product demand systems, entry/exit and strategic interactions, price discrimination, vertical relationships, technology adoption, and introduction into single agent dynamic optimization problems. Students are required to select one paper for presentation and another one for writing a research review. Each student has up to 30 minutes for presentation followed by a 20-minutes discussion.

Contact person: Oleksandr Shcherbakov, Ph.D., E-Mail: ashcherb@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 313, Tel. 181-1838.

Empirische Analyse von Finanzmarktdaten

Seminar 2st. Pigorsch, U.

wtl Di 13:45 - 15:15 03.09.2013-03.12.2013 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Kommentar:

Nach einer kurzen Einführung in die grundlegenden Methoden zur Modellierung von Finanzmarktdaten werden im Rahmen von Seminararbeiten verschiedene Finanzmarktdaten empirisch analysiert und verschiedene Methoden zur Modellierung dieser Daten angewandt. Das Seminar umfasst dabei u. a. die Analyse der stilisierten Eigenschaften von Finanzmarktdaten, die Modellierung der Volatilität und grundlegende Methoden zur Prognose von Risikomaßen. Die genauen Themen werden in der ersten Veranstaltung bekannt gegeben und kurz erläutert. Weitere Informationen zur Zulassung zum Seminar sowie zur Vergabe der Themen werden noch auf folgender Homepage bekannt gegeben: http://pigorsch.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/

Course title: Empirische Analyse von Finanzmarktdaten
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Uta Pigorsch
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: German/English on demand
Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Seminararbeit + Präsentation
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: see above. More information about registration for the seminar and allocation of topics will be announced here: http://pigorsch.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Uta Pigorsch, Tel. 181-1945, E-Mail: uta.pigorsch@vwl.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 126.

Experimental methods in economics

Vorlesung		2st.			Orzen, H.
wtl	Di	10:15 - 11:45	03.09.2013-03.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 S 031	

Kommentar:

Course title: Experimental methods in economics
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen
Method (hours per week): lecture (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics B
Examination: written, 90 minutes
ECTS Credits: 5

Course description: Once viewed as a rather exotic niche area, experimental economics has over the last few decades developed into a mainstream tool of fundamental empirical research in our field. This module will provide an introduction to experimental methods in economics. We will examine specific topics in experimental economics, and also discuss some broad methodological questions on the pros and cons of experiments and their design.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, E-Mail: henrik.orzen@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 405, Tel. 181-1890.

Industrial Organization

Vorlesung und Übung		3st.			Schutz, N.
wtl	Mo	17:15 - 19:30	02.09.2013-02.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 001	

Kommentar:

Course title: Industrial organization
Instructor: Nicolas Schutz, PhD
Offered: Every fall term
Method: Lecture (2) + practical exercise (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Micro A and B
Examination: written, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: In a market economy, firms are in charge of deciding what and how much to produce, and consumers respond to this by shopping for the best alternative. This course analyzes the behavior of firms. It aims to answer the following questions: What is a firm? What defines the boundaries of a firm? Given established boundaries, how do firms make production decisions and how do they compete with each other? Should government meddle with the operation of firms? In contrast to the course “Competition Economics”, which deals with the empirical aspects of industrial economics, this course focuses more on theoretical issues and modeling.
The course is organized as follows:
1. Review on perfect competition
2. Review on game theory
3. Monopoly
4. Static oligopoly
5. Dynamic oligopoly and collusion
6. Product differentiation
7. Information
8. Advertising
9. Merger, entry and market structure

10. Network effects
11. Vertical relations
12. Patents and R&D
13. Antitrust

Contact person: Nicolas Schutz, E-Mail: nschutz@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 310, Tel. 181-1872.

International Financial Policy

Vorlesung 3st. Vaubel, R.

wtl	Mi	12:00 - 13:30	04.09.2013-04.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 S 031
14-täglich	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	06.09.2013-06.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 S 031

Kommentar:

Inhalt:
1. Grundlagen der Wechselkurstheorie
2. Wechselkurspolitik und Weltwährungsordnung
3. Die europäische Währungsintegration
4. Die offizielle internationale Liquidität
5. Internationale Kapitalbewegungen

Literaturhinweise:
Eine Liste ausgewählter Aufsätze wird in der Vorlesung verteilt und ist am Lehrstuhl erhältlich.
Die Klausur kann wahlweise auf Englisch oder Deutsch geschrieben werden.
Die Veranstaltung wird in englischer Sprache gehalten.

Course title: International Financial Policy
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel
Method (hours per week): lecture (3)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English or German
Examination: written, 135 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:
1. Foundations of exchange rate theory
2. Exchange rate policy and the international monetary system
3. European monetary integration
4. Official international liquidity
5. International capital movements and international debt

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, Tel. 181-1816, E-Mail: vaubel@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 212.

International Taxation

Blockseminar 2st. Fuest, C.

Einzel	Mi	17:15 - 18:45	04.09.2013-04.09.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 044

Kommentar:

Vorbesprechung: Mittwoch, 4.09.2013 17:15 - 18:45 Uhr
Blockseminar: Termin wird in der Vorbesprechung vereinbart

Anmeldung:
Bachelor-Studenten melden sich bitte bis zum 31.08.2013 per E-Mail bei Dr. Mathias Dolls (dolls@zew.de) unter Angabe einer Präferenzliste mit drei der zur Auswahl stehenden Seminarthemen an.
Seminarthemen:
1) Die Theorie des Steuerwettbewerbs
2) Globalisierung, Struktur der Besteuerung und die Größe des Staatssektors
3) Unternehmenssteuern und internationale Investitionsentscheidungen
4) Die Besteuerung des Finanzsektors: Finanztransaktionssteuer
5) Steuerflucht und Steueroasen
6) Steuerwettbewerb und –koordination in der Europäischen Union
7) Fiskalunion in Europa: Konzepte und ökonomische Auswirkungen

Course title: International Taxation
Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Clemens Fuest, Dr. Mathias Dolls
Offered: Winter semester 2013, irregular cycle
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English/German (The course will be offered either in English or in German depending on the students attending.)
Prerequisites: Finanzwissenschaft für Bachelor
Examination: seminar paper + oral presentation
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:
Students are asked to register for the seminar until August, 31st 2013 via eMail to Dr. Mathias Dolls (dolls@zew.de) with a list of the three preferred research topics that are available.

Research topics:
1) Theory of tax competition
2) Globalization, tax structure and government size
3) Corporate taxation and FDI
4) Taxation of the financial sector: The financial transaction tax
5) Tax avoidance and tax havens
6) Tax competition and coordination in the European Union
7) Fiscal Union in Europe: Concepts and economic effects

This course examines various issues in international taxation and the role of the government in a globalized economy. Topics for term papers include corporate taxation, international taxation and tax competition, taxation of the financial sector, and globalization and the size of the government sector.
The seminar is targeted at advanced Bachelor students who have completed courses in micro and macroeconomics. Students will be assigned a research paper and write a term paper which will be presented in a block seminar.

Contact person(s): Dr. Mathias Dolls, Tel. +49 (0)621 1235-395, E-mail: dolls@zew.de, L7, 1, room 490, n.V.

Law and Economics

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Zudenkova, G.

wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	02.09.2013-02.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043
14-täglich	Do	08:30 - 10:00	05.09.2013-05.12.2013	L 9, 1-2 003

Kommentar:

Course title: Law and Economics
Instructor: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD
Offered: every fall semester
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) and practical exercise (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Basic Game Theory
Examination: Midterm Exam (30%) + Final Exam (55%) + Homework (15%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:
This course provides an introduction to the field of Law and Economics. It covers core ideas in the areas of tort law, contract law and criminal law, property law and the Coase Theorem, intellectual property law and constitutional law, among others. The focus of the lectures will be primarily on theoretical work. Practice exercises will be assigned during the semester. The course provides an introduction to economic analysis and its application to legal rules and institutions that is accessible to any student who has taken principles of microeconomics and game theory. Students leave the course understanding how microeconomic theory can be used to critically evaluate law and public policy. The course should prove useful for any student interested in analyzing policy issues. It will be particularly valuable background for those students intending to specialize in public economics and political economy.
Contents:
1. Tort law with one active party
2. Tort law with two or more active parties
3. Contracts
4. Contracts with two active parties
5. Criminal law
6. Property rights & the Coase Theorem

7. Intellectual property law
8. Constitutional law

Contact person: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD, E-Mail: galina.zudenkova@gmail.com, L7, 3-5, Tel. 181-1782.

Recent Empirical Evidence on the Causes of Underdevelopment

Blockseminar 2st. Ciccone, A.

Kommentar:

Course title: Recent Empirical Evidence on the Causes of Underdevelopment
Instructor: Prof. Antonio Ciccone, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method: blockseminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Grundlagenphase
Examination: paper and the presentation
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: We will discuss empirical contributions on the causes of underdevelopment. Students will be asked to write a paper and make a presentation on a topic of their choice.

Contact person: Prof. Antonio Ciccone, Ph.D., E-Mail: antonio.ciccone@upf.edu.

Seminar in Competition Economics

Blockseminar Takahashi, Y.

Einzel	Do	10:00 - 11:00	05.09.2013-05.09.2013	L 7, 3-5 410 Organizational meeting
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	15.11.2013-15.11.2013	tba
Einzel	Sa	09:00 – 18:00	16.11.2013-16.11.2013	tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar in Competition Economics
Instructor: Prof. Yuya Takahashi
Offered: Fall semester 2013
Method: Blockseminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic microeconomics (necessary) and basic econometrics (preferred)
Examination: Oral presentation and term paper
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: We discuss empirical applications of several important topics in IO. Students pick one topic in selected topics and give a presentation to discuss the papers' strengths and weaknesses. Based on comments that they receive in the presentation, students write a seminar report summarizing the papers (and perhaps reproducing the papers result). Topics include price discrimination, entry deterrence, entry and exit, consumers, inventory behavior, vertical relationships, and technology adoption.

Contact person: Prof. Yuya Takahashi, E-Mail: ytakahas@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 308, Tel. 181-1767.

Seminar on Optimal Currency Areas

Blockseminar 2st. Winschel, V.

Block+Sa	-	09:00 - 18:00	27.09.2013-28.09.2013

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar on Optimal Currency Areas
Instructor: Viktor Winschel
Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English / German

Prerequistes: Makro A
Examination: Seminar paper
ECTS-credits: 6

Course description: In this seminar we will have four introductory lectures on the theory of optimal currency areas where we discuss the optimal size of a monetary union. This question has many facets and draws upon a broad range of macroeconomic issues. After the lectures students will work on their own seminar paper.

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Seminar on Social and Economic Networks

Seminar		2st.		Nocke, V. / Siedlarek, J.P.
wtl	Do	17:15 - 18:45	05.09.2013-05.12.2013	

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar on Social and Economic Networks
Instructors: Jan-Peter Siedlarek, Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Volker Nocke
Offered: fall semesters
Method: Seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics B
Recommended: Game Theory and Basic Econometrics
Examination: Presentation, Paper
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: The course provides an introduction to the study of social and economic networks, a relatively new and very active field of economic research with a distinct interdisciplinary outlook. We discuss various social and economic networks and techniques to analyse them. The course further covers basic models of network formation and the implications of network structure on economic activity, such as the spread of information in networks and the functioning of networked markets.
Textbooks: Jackson, M. (2008). Social and economic networks. Goyal, S. (2009). Connections: an introduction to the economics of networks
Easley, D. and J. Kleinberg (2010). Networks, crowds, and markets.
Background reading: Watts, D. (2004). Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age.
Barabasi, A. (2003). Linked: How Everything Is Connected to Everything Else and What It Means for Business, Science, and Everyday Life.

Contact person: Jan-Peter Siedlarek, Ph.D., E-Mail: siedlarek@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5 room 301, Tel. 181-1911.

Ökonometrie und Programmieren / Programming in Stata

Vorlesung		3st.			Wiesenfarth, M.
wtl	Do	12:00 - 14:15	05.09.2013-05.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 158	

Kommentar:

Course title: Ökonometrie und Programmieren / Programming in Stata
Instructor: Dr. Manuel Wiesenfarth
Offered: fall semester 2013
Method (hours per week): lecture (3)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Basic Stata skills of advantage
Examination: 180 minutes programming
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:
This course offers an introduction to advanced programming in Stata. Although Stata already offers a large number of econometric tools, novel approaches are often not available and have to be implemented by users. Since comparatively few people know how to do so, Stata programming skills can be a competitive advantage.
In this course, students will learn how to implement new commands for Stata and to conduct Monte Carlo simulations. These are important for verification of implementations and are used as a very important tool to analyze the small sample properties

of estimators and to complement the theoretical properties of estimators making them an integral part of econometric analyses. After an introduction to efficiently written do-files (including data processing), we will in particular focus on Stata's matrix programming language Mata, which will be at the heart of Stata programs.
Registration in first session.

Contact person: Dr. Manuel Wiesenfarth, Tel. 181-3500, E-Mail: wiesenfarth@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 123, Tel. 181-3500, office hours: by arrangement.

Seminar Wirtschaftspolitik und internationale Organisationen

Blockseminar		2st.		Vaubel, R.
Einzel	Sa	08:30 - 19:00	19.10.2013-19.10.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Sa	08:30 – 19:00	26.10.2013-26.10.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar "Wirtschaftspolitik und Ökonomische Analyse internationaler Organisationen / Economic Policy and the Economics of International Organizations"
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel
Method: seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: German/English
Prerequisites: as of the 5th term, attendance of the courses "Wirtschaftspolitik B" and/or "Economics of International Organizations" is helpful.
Examination: Seminararbeit (80%), Kommentierung eines anderen Referats (10%), Beteiligung an der allgemeinen Diskussion (10%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: Discussion of term papers on selected topics in the field of economic policy and/or international organisations. The term papers have to be handed in on the first day (noon) of the lecturing period. A list of suggested topics will be posted on the message board in the last week of May 2013.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. R. Vaubel, Tel. 181-1816, E-Mail: vaubel@uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 212.

C. Other courses for Economists

Forschungsseminar					
Forschungsseminar		2st.			Streb, J.
wtl	Mi	17:15 - 18:45	04.09.2013-04.12.2013	L 7, 3-5 P 043	

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.
Homepage: http://wirtschaftsgeschichte.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/

Course title: Forschungsseminar
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb
Offered: every semester
Method (hours per week): seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor, Master, Diploma, Ph.D.
Course language: The research seminar will be in general in English.
Examination: none
ECTS-Credits: none

Course description: In this seminar both researchers from other universities and doctoral students from Mannheim will present their actual research projects.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb, Tel. 181-1932, E-Mail: streb@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room P 19/20.

Ringvorlesung VWL				
Sonderveranstaltung				
wtl	Mi	19:00 - 20:30	11.09.2013-06.12.2013	Schloß Mittelbau M 003

Kommentar:

Bitte beachten Sie die Ankündigungen über die Webseite der Fachschaft VWL, die für die Organisation der Ringvorlesung verantwortlich zeichnet, unter http://fsvwl.uni-mannheim.de/cms/index.php/ringvorlesungen.html.

Business Studies & Economics: Library Basics

Dates: Tuesday, 17.09.13, 10:15-11:45 h
Meeting point: InfoCenter in the library “Schloss Schneckenhof” - West Entry
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.
Business Studies: Irene Schumm, email: irene.schumm@bib.uni-mannheim.de, phone: 0621/181-2754.
Economics: Katharina Rautenberg, email: katharina.rautenberg@bib.uni-mannheim.de, phone: 0621/181-3018.
Note for registration: Interested persons, who are not students of the University of Mannheim, please contact the responsible subject librarian by telephone or email for registration.

Business Studies & Economics: Literature Search

Dates: Wednesday, 18.09.13, 10:15-11:45 h
Meeting point: Library "Schloss Ehrenhof", training classroom (Schulungsraum)

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.
Course language: English
Target audience: Students in Business Studies or Economics
Further dates by arrangement (starting from 5 participants).
The course can also be booked for seminar or thesis courses. Please contact the responsible subject librarian for date arrangements or further information.
Business Studies: Irene Schumm, email: irene.schumm@bib.uni-mannheim.de, phone: 0621/181-2754.
Economics: Katharina Rautenberg, email: katharina.rautenberg@bib.uni-mannheim.de, phone: 0621/181-3018.
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