

Department of Economics
- Bachelor Program -
Courses held in English language
Fall Semester 2016

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Please note that there is a single week to register for seminars in the Bachelor programme. The **common registration period** begins on **May 8th 2016, 22:00 and ends on May 13th 2016, 24:00**. If you like to change your seminar - this can only be done in the first week after the registration period. Additional information can be found in the course commentaries of the seminars.

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A. Introductory Phase

Exercise classes for the courses Macroeconomics B, Microeconomics B and International Economics will be available around 4 weeks prior to the fall semester on the web pages of the faculty.

Internationale Ökonomik (Vorlesung)

Fadinger, H.

Mittwoch 17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr wöchentlich 07.09.2016 - 07.12.2016
L9, 1-2 004

Kommentar:

Course title: Internationale Ökonomik
Instructor: Prof. Harald Fadinger, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semesters
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) and practical exercise (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics A, Macroeconomics A
Examination: written exam, 90 min.
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The first half of the course covers core models of international trade, such as classical theories of comparative advantage (Ricardo and Heckscher-Ohlin) and trade models with scale economies (Krugman).

The second half of the course covers international macroeconomics. We will discuss the intertemporal approach to the current account, international capital flows, exchange rates, fiscal and monetary policy in open economies.

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

Course description:

We will build a workhorse micro-founded macro model which we will use to study business cycles.

Literature:

Stephen Williamson "Macroeconomics", Fifth (or fourth) Edition, Pearson.

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.

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Makroökonomik B (englisch) (Vorlesung)

Camous, A.

Dienstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 13.09.2016 - 06.12.2016
Schloss Schneckenhof Nord - SN 163

Dienstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 13.09.2016 - 06.12.2016
A5,6 Bauteil B - B 144

Kommentar:

Course title: Makroökonomik B (englisch)
Instructor: Prof. Antoine Camous, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + practical exercises (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Makroökonomik A recommended
Examination: Final exam
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: Antoine Camous, E-Mail: camous@uni-mannheim.de; Tel.: (0621) 181-1806; Office: L7 3-5, 2.43

Mikroökonomik B (englisch) (Vorlesung)**Nosal, K.**

Montag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 05.09.2016 - 28.11.2016
Schloss Schneckenhof Nord - SN 163

Mittwoch 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 07.09.2016 - 07.12.2016
Schloss Ehrenhof Ost – EO 145

Kommentar:

Course title: Mikroökonomie B
Instructors: Prof. Kathleen Nosal, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + practical exercise (2)
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.

Syllabus:

Main textbook: Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld. Microeconomics. (8th Edition) Pearson, 2013.

Optional textbook: Hal R. Varian. Intermediate Economics. (8th Edition) Norton, 2009.

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B. Advanced Phase

Lectures

Applied Microeconometrics with Stata

Bertschek, I./ Niebel T.

Freitag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 09.09.2016 - 09.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 044

Freitag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 09.09.2016 - 09.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - 158

Kommentar:

Course title: Applied Microeconometrics with Stata
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Irene Bertschek / Dr. Thomas Niebel
Offered: fall term
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2)
Course Level: Bachelor
Course Language: english
Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie / Basic Econometrics
Examination: written final exam, 90 min., and practical exercises
ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course will give an overview of microeconomic 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.

Literature:

Textbooks for Econometrics:

Wooldridge, J. (2010) Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach, Cengage Learning Emea, International edition of 4th revised edition.
Angrist, J. D. and Pischke, J.-S. (2008), Mostly Harmless Econometrics, Princeton University Press
Bauer, T. K., Fertig, M. and Schmidt, C. M. (2009), Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung: Eine Einführung, Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

Applications in STATA:

Cameron, A. C. and Trivedi, P. K. (2010), Microeconometrics Using Stata, Stata Press.
Kohler, U. and Kreuter, F. (2008), Datenanalyse mit Stata: Allgemeine Konzepte der Datenanalyse und ihre praktische Anwendung, Oldenbourg Wissenschaftsverlag.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Irene Bertschek, E-Mail: bertschek@zew.de, Tel. 1235-178, L7, 1 - room 3.47.

Applied Multivariate Statistics

Stocker, T.

Freitag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 09.09.2016 - 09.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 043

Freitag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 09.09.2016 - 09.12.2016
L7, 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. Studierenden ohne Kenntnisse in Ökonometrie empfehle ich, vorher mit mir Kontakt aufzunehmen.

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

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 be used intensively.

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://statistik.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/354.0.html> at the beginning of the semester for more course information.

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Economics of Network Industries - Optimization and Empirical Studies**Schober, D./ Woll, O.**

Donnerstag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 08.09.2016 - 08.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 043

Kommentar:

Course title: Economics of Network Industries - Optimization and Empirical Studies

Instructors: Dr. Dominik Schober / Dr. Oliver Woll

Offered: Fall semester 2016

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A + B

Examination: written, 90 min

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

The course provides an introduction to economics of network industries such as electricity and gas, telecommunications, transport and postal services. A focus is set on relevant optimization problems in these industries considering optimal investments, production and pricing in often oligopolistic and regulated market environments.

The course will give the theoretical background for the optimization problems and in addition an introduction to empirical studies using the software tools STATA and GAMS (General Algebraic Modeling System; a high-level modeling system for mathematical programming and optimization).

Literature:

Gabriel et al. 2013, Complementarity Modeling in Energy Markets, Springer

Belleflamme, Peitz 2010, Industrial Organization – Markets and Strategies, Cambridge University Press

Shy 2001, Economics of Network Industries, Cambridge University Press

Knieps 2007, Netzökonomie, Gabler Verlag

Cameron, Trivedi 2005, Microeconometrics: Methods and Applications, Cambridge University Press

Cameron 2010, Microeconometrics Using Stata, Stata Press

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Einführung in Netzwerke/ Introduction to Networks**Jentsch, C.**

Montag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr wöchentlich 05.09.2016 – 05.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 044

Kommentar:

Course Title: Einführung in Netzwerke/ Introduction to Networks

Instructor: Dr. Carsten Jentsch

Offered: Fall term 2016

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

Course Level: Bachelor

Course Language: German (English on demand)

Prerequisites: Basic Econometrics, Statistics I + II

Examination: Exercises, oral examination

ECTS: 6

Course description:

In recent years there has been an increasing interest in the modelling and statistical analysis of network data. This has been motivated by a broad range of applications including social sciences and economics. This course will cover an introduction to (stochastic) networks and provides a broad overview of related concepts. Topics covered include methods to measure networks, tools to analyze and to extract information from networks, fundamentals of (random) graph theory as well as modelling approaches for stochastic networks. The methods will be illustrated using the statistical software R.

Contact: Dr. Carsten Jentsch, Tel.: (0621) 181-1938, E-Mail: cjentsch@mail.uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, Raum 129

Empirical Methods for Public Economics and Economic Policy

Dolls, M./ Dörrenberg, P.

Mittwoch 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr wöchentlich 07.09.2016 – 07.12.2016
L9, 1-2 - 003

Kommentar:

Course title: Empirical Methods for Public Economics and Economic Policy

Instructors: Dr. Philipp Dörrenberg / Dr. Mathias Dolls

Offered: Fall semester 2016

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English (on demand)

Prerequisites: Introductory classes in Mathematics, Econometrics and Public Economics

Examination: written exam (90 minutes) and/or take-home exam

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description:

The course gives students a thorough understanding of the main methods and approaches for empirical research in public economics and economic policy. The focus is on understanding the advantages and disadvantages of the available econometric methods and data, and less on a highly technical presentation. Using examples of recent academic research papers, we will analyze applications in public economics, political economy and policy evaluation. It is advisable that students have completed classes in Mathematics, Econometrics and Public Economics before attending this course.

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Fiscal and Labor Market Policy

Siegloch, S.

Dienstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 06.09.2016 - 06.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - S 031

Dienstag 13:45 Uhr bis 15:15 Uhr 14-täglich 13.09.2016 - 06.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - S 031

Kommentar:

Course title: Fiscal and Labor Market Policy

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Siegloch

Offered: fall term

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

Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie
Examination: written, 90 min.
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The course aims at analyzing the role of important and topical fiscal and labor market policies. Students learn the fundamental models of economic theory to assess policy impacts. The theoretical insights are linked to current empirical evidence on the effects of fiscal and labor market policies. Thereby, students will become familiar with the state-of-the-art methods of economic policy evaluation. Policies to be discussed are: income and corporate taxation, unemployment benefits, minimum wages, retirement policy, education policy, employment protection legislation and working hour regulations. Expected competences acquired after completion of the module: Understanding of fundamental theories to analyze the effects of fiscal and labor policies, understanding of basic empirical techniques to evaluate policies and institutions.

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Industrial Organization

Schutz, N.

Montag 17:15 Uhr bis 19:30 Uhr wöchentlich 05.09.2016 - 05.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - 001

Kommentar:

Course title: Industrial Organization
Offered: Every fall term
Instructor: Prof. Nicolas Schutz, Ph.D.
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercise (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics 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?

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: Prof. Nicolas Schutz, Ph.D., Tel.: (0621) 181-1872, E-Mail: schutz@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, 3.10, Office hours: Mondays, 14:15 - 16:15

Labour Markets

Habermalz, S.

Termin tba
Raum tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Labour Markets
Instructor: Steffen Habermalz, Ph.D.
Offered: fall semester 2016
Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (1)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A+B, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie
Examination: written, 90 minutes
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

This course introduces the student to the economic analysis of the market for human resources: The Labor Market. After a brief introduction we will analyze the determinants of Labor Supply and Labor Demand followed by discussion of Labor Market Equilibrium including the debate over the minimum wage. The acquisition of Human Capital (overall skill level of a person incl. education/degrees) plays a major role in modern societies. We will outline the basic theory of Human Capital formation with an application to education. After reviewing Signaling as an alternative reason for the acquisition of educational degrees the course introduces Compensating Differentials as the basis for occupational choice. We then examine worker mobility with an emphasis on geographic mobility followed by a discussion of the wage effects of (legal) immigration. Finally, we will outline different theories of labor market discrimination and also describe the empirical evolution of gender and racial differences in wages.

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Law and Economics

Zudenkova, G.

Mittwoch Raum tba	08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr	wöchentlich	07.09.2016 - 07.12.2016
Mittwoch Raum tba	10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	14-täglich	07.09.2016 - 30.11.2016

Kommentar:

Course title: Law and Economics
Instructor: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, Ph.D.
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: Final Exam, written 90 min. (85%) + Participation in class (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

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Monetary Union, Theories and Experiences

Camous, A.

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 08.09.2016 - 08.12.2016
Raum tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Monetary Union, Theories and Experiences

Instructor: Antoine Camous

Offered: fall semester 2016

Method (hours per week): lecture (2SWS)

Course level: Bachelor Course

Language: English

Prerequisites: Macroeconomics A+B

Examination: based on 2 assignments (25% each) and an individual project (50%).

ECTS-Credits: 5

Course description

To form a Monetary Union, countries renounce to independent monetary policy and exchange rate adjustments. They adopt a common currency, free capital circulation and centralize monetary policy. Still, substantial elements of economic policy (fiscal policy, labor market regulations, etc.) are kept being conducted at the national level.

Why do countries form a monetary union? Which kind of issues can arise? How to design institutions for a viable and effective experience?

Concretely, what happens when economic performances of countries differ? What if firms can freely operate across borders, while being regulated by national governments? Is the conduct fiscal policy different in a monetary union? etc.

This class intends to present theoretical frameworks to understand and critically review these economic issues. The European project, the recent crisis and current debates on institutional reforms will be discussed in light of the elements presented in class, and contrasted to other monetary unions, essentially the United States.

Weekly lectures bring together theoretical elements of monetary union institutions with a data-based discussion of the European experience. Lectures are organized around the following topics.

Introduction – Currency arrangements and currency area.

Forming a monetary union: US then, Europe now.

Monetary union and institution design: theory.

The first decade of the EMU. Did the Eurozone plant the seeds of its own crisis?

The Eurozone crisis reveals deep institutional weaknesses.

Reform agenda. Can the Eurozone be completed for a viable and effective experience?

Contact person: Antoine Camous, Tel. (06221) 181 - 1806, E-Mail: camous@uni-mannheim.de, Office: 2.43, Office hours: Wed 4-5 pm.

Topics in Fiscal Policy

Simonelli, S.

Donnerstag 12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr wöchentlich 08.09.2016 - 08.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 043

Donnerstag 15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr 14-täglich 15.09.2016 - 08.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 043

Kommentar:

Course title: Topics in Fiscal Policy

Instructor: Prof. Saverio Simonelli, Ph.D.

Offered: Fall semester 2016

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

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A + B, Macroeconomics A + B

Examination: Written exam, 90 min

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The course studies the effects of fiscal policy on the aggregate behaviour of individuals. During the course we will develop a dynamic theoretical model of individual decisions and we will use it to study how government tax and transfer policies, government spending, government debt and deficits affect these decisions.

Contact persons: Prof. Saverio Simonelli, Ph.D., E-Mail: savsimon@unina.it

Verhaltensökonomie: Evidenz aus dem Labor und dem Feld/ Behavioral Economics: Evidence from the Lab and Field

Fehr, D.

Dienstag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr wöchentlich 06.09.2016 – 06.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 044

Kommentar:

Course title: Verhaltensökonomie: Evidenz aus dem Labor und dem Feld/ Behavioral Economics: Evidence from the Lab and Field

Instructor: Dr. Dietmar Fehr

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

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: German (English on demand)

Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B, Statistik, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: Written exam (40%), written project summary (40%) and presentation (20%)

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course is an introduction to behavioral economics. We will discuss the psychological foundations of human behavior and their economic implications. The focus of this course will be mostly on empirical work (lab experiments and field studies) and thus there will be an introduction to research methods (causal inference, randomization and lab experiments) in the beginning. To structure the discussion we will also review some leading behavioral models (social preferences, reference-dependent preferences, time preferences, etc).

Contact person: Dr. Dietmar Fehr, E-Mail: fehr@wzb.eu

Seminars

Please note that you have to **register for the seminars** within **the common registration week: from May 8th 2016, 22:00 and ends on May 13th 2016, 24:00**. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

If you like to change your seminar this can only be done in the first week after the registration period.

Please note that it is **only allowed to register for two seminars during the common registration week**. Registrations will be checked on a random basis. In case of violation of this rule you may be excluded from all seminars in the upcoming semester.

Competition Policy

Wambach, A.

Dienstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 13.09.2016
L7, 3-5 - 410

Donnerstag 9:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 17.11.2016
Raum tba

Freitag 9:00 Uhr bis 15:30 Uhr Einzeltermin 18.11.2016
Raum tba

Kommentar:

Course title: Competition Policy
Instructor: Prof. Achim Wambach, Ph.D.
Offered: fall 2016
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B
Examination: seminar paper (50%), oral presentation (50%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

The seminar covers current topics related to modern models of competition theory and how to operate with them. The theory includes an overview of the economics of different aspects of competition policy (e.g. horizontal mergers, facilitating factors, abuse of dominance, leniency,). Each case topic is connected to a decision by the European Commission (or another competition authority) in a real-life case.

Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (22000 characters including spaces), in which they analyze a problem related to competition policy. The paper has to be presented in class (20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes discussion). The seminar paper and the presentation contribute equally to the final grade. Prior knowledge in industrial organization is desirable.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please state your current semester, already successfully completed courses in the field of industrial organisation, your Uni Mannheim student number (if available), and the number of already successfully completed seminars.

Please register via e-Mail to: fugger@zew.de

Selection process of seminar participants: (i) prerequisites and (ii) "first-come, first-served"

Contact person: Carina Fugger, Tel.: (0621) 1235-122, E-mail: fugger@zew.de

Cultural Economics**Svorencik, A.**

Mittwoch L9, 1-2 - 002	15:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	07.09.2016
Freitag L7, 3-5 - P 043	13:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	04.11.2016
Samstag L7, 3-5 - P 043	10:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	05.11.2016

Kommentar:

Course title: Cultural Economics

Instructor: Dr. Andrej Svorencik

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

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A and Macroeconomics 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 in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please name your current semester, Uni Mannheim student number (if available) 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-served"

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Equity in Theory and Practice / Verteilungsgerechtigkeit**Tröger, T.**

Donnerstag L7, 3-5 - S 031	12:00 Uhr bis 13:30 Uhr	wöchentlich	08.09.2016 - 08.12.2016
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Kommentar:

Course title: Equity in Theory and Practice / Verteilungsgerechtigkeit

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Thomas Tröger

Offered: fall 2016

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English / Deutsch
 Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B
 Examination: oral presentation (50%), seminar paper (100/3 %), active participation (100/6 %)
 ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

We will discuss theory and practice of distributive justice, equality, and fairness. The seminar is based on the book "Equity in Theory and Practice" by Peyton Young. Here is an excerpt: "The aim of this book is, then, is to examine how societies solve 'everyday' distributive problems. Which patient gets the one available kidney for transplantation? Who is released from the army first? How much does the municipality charge for connecting a new house to the water supply? How many seats in Congress does one state receive compared to another? On what theory is one person taxed at a 33% rate, another at 15%, and a third not at all? What is a fair method for dividing an estate among heirs when they have different preferences for the property it contains?" (p. xii)

Die Präsentation und die Seminararbeit können auch auf Deutsch sein.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please send your transcript of records via e-Mail to: troeger@uni-mannheim.de
 Selection process of seminar participants: (i) number of completed seminars, (ii) "first-come, first-served"

Contact person: Prof Dr. Thomas Tröger, E-Mail: troeger@uni-mannheim.de

Family and Macroeconomics

Yum, M.

Mittwoch L9, 1-2 - 002	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	14.09.2016
Freitag L7, 3-5 - P 043/044	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	25.11.2016
Samstag L7, 3-5 - P 043	09:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	26.11.2016

Kommentar:

Course title: Family and Macroeconomics
 Instructor: Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D.
 Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Macro A and B, Mico A and B
 Examination: presentation (40 %), report (40 %), participation (20 %)
 ECTS-Credits: 6 ECTS

Course description:

This seminar provides an introduction to a growing field of macroeconomics that specifically focuses on the role of families. Many economic decisions, such as education, labor supply, and savings, are made at the family level. Our goal is to understand recent macroeconomic models that capture the above family-level behavior, and to study how these models are applied to answer practical macroeconomic questions on economic growth, inequality, and mobility.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed courses and seminars.
 Please register via e-Mail to: myum@mail.uni-mannheim.de

Selection process of seminar participants: (i) semesters completed, (ii) economics courses taken so far, and (iii) first-come first-serve.

Contact person: Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D., Tel: (0621) 181-1853, E-Mail: myum@mail.uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, P03, Office hours: upon appointment.

Fiscal Stimulus

Simonelli, S.

Dienstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr wöchentlich 07.09.2016 - 07.12.2016
L7, 3-5 - P 043

Kommentar:

Course title: Fiscal Stimulus
Instructor: Prof. Saverio Simonelli, Ph.D.
Offered: Fall semester 2016
Method (hours per week): Seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Microeconomics A + B, Macroeconomics A + B
Examination: Active participation in class; seminar presentation

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

Since 2008, governments of advanced economies have been actively engaged in fiscal stimulus – tax cuts and transfer payments in particular – to generate demand and economic growth. A series of recent research papers measure and delineate the economic impact of fiscal stimulus in the form of tax rebates. We will analyse this recent literature on the topic.

Students without any background in Econometrics are recommended to contact me.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar starting on 21st August 2016, 22:00. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Please register via e-Mail to: savsimon@unina.it Selection process of seminar participants: "first-come first-served".

Contact persons: Prof. Saverio Simonelli, Ph.D., E-Mail: savsimon@unina.it

Mass Media and Policymaking

Zudenkova, G.

Freitag 08:30 Uhr bis 10:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 09.09.2016
L9, 1-2 - 003
Freitag 08:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 18.11.2016
L7, 3-5 - 410
Freitag 08:30 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr Einzeltermin 25.11.2016
L7, 3-5 - 410

Kommentar:

Course title: Mass Media and Policymaking
Instructor: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD

Offered: spring term
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: Mikroökonomik A + B
Examination: Seminar presentation (50%) + report (50%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

We discuss the role the media plays in policy determination. This topic is attracting increasing attention from economists. The main role of the media is to provide information to citizens concerning policy options and the performance of their politicians. We will analyze the recent work on the topic.

Students are responsible for one presentation. Students will also have to write a report evaluating the paper they have presented and suggesting extensions as well as further applications. Grades will be based on the seminar presentations and the report.

Please note that you have to register for this seminar in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Please register via e-Mail to: galina.zudenkova@uni-mannheim.de
Selection process of seminar participants: "first-come first-served".

Contact person: Prof. Galina Zudenkova, PhD, Tel.: (0621) 181-1782, E-Mail: galina.zudenkova@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, 2.24, Office hours: Thursdays, 10:00 - 12:00

The German Banking System in Historical Perspective

Donges, A.

Donnerstag L7, 3-5 - S 031	17:15 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	08.09.2016
Freitag L7, 3-5 - P 044	08:30 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	11.11.2016
Freitag L7, 3-5 - P 043	13:45 Uhr bis 18:45 Uhr	Einzeltermin	11.11.2016
Samstag L7, 3-5 - P 043	09:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr	Einzeltermin	12.11.2016

Kommentar:

In diesem Seminar beschäftigen wir uns mit der Entstehung des modernen deutschen Bankensystems im 19. Jahrhundert und seiner Transformation während des 20. Jahrhunderts. Wir diskutieren ein weites Feld an Themen in Zusammenhang mit Banken in Deutschland. Die Themen umfassen zum Beispiel die Debatte über die Frage, inwieweit Universalbanken die Expansion moderner Großunternehmen im späten 19. Jahrhundert ermöglichten, die Rolle von Sparkassen und Kreditgenossenschaften, Bankenkrisen und -zusammenbrüche, die Verflechtung von Banken und Industrie, sowie Bankfusionen.

Die im Seminar zu erbringende Leistung besteht aus einer Hausarbeit (Umfang: mindestens 10 Seiten), in der auf Basis der einschlägigen Literatur eine abgegrenzte Problemstellung analysiert wird, und einem Vortrag (Dauer: 20 Min. sowie 20 Min. Diskussion), in dem die Ergebnisse der Hausarbeit präsentiert werden. Die Teilnahme an allen Blockterminen ist Voraussetzung für den Leistungsnachweis. Auf die Teilnahme an einzelnen Terminen kann nur bei wichtigen Gründen verzichtet werden. Die Hausarbeit geht mit 70% in die Gesamtnote ein, der Vortrag mit 30%.

Eine Liste mit Themen ist ab Ende April auf der Website des Lehrstuhls verfügbar (<http://wirtschaftsgeschichte.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/>).

Der Anmeldezeitraum beginnt am 8. Mai 2016, 22:00 Uhr und endet am 13. Mai 2016.
Die Anmeldung erfolgt per E-Mail an: donges@uni-mannheim.de
Bitte geben Sie bei der Anmeldung außerdem Ihr aktuelles Fachsemester, die Anzahl der bereits erfolgreich absolvierten Seminare, sowie eine Rangliste mit mindestens drei Themenwünsche an. Die Auswahl der Seminarteilnehmer erfolgt nach dem Prinzip „first-come, first-served“.
Course title: The German Banking System in Historical Perspective
Instructor: Dr. Alexander Donges
Method (hours per week): block seminar (2)
Course level: Bachelor
Course language: English
Prerequisites: no special prerequisites
Examination: seminar paper (70%) and oral presentation (30%)
ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description:

In this seminar we focus on the emergence of the modern German banking system in the 19th century and its transformation during the 20th century. We discuss a wide range of topics related to banking in Germany. These topics include, for example, the debate to what extent universal banks fostered the expansion of modern enterprises in the late 19th century, the role of savings banks and credit cooperatives, banking crisis and bank failures, interlocking directorates between banks and industry as well as bank mergers.

Seminar participants have to write a seminar paper (at least 10 pages), in which they analyze a problem related to German banking history. The paper 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%. You have to attend all seminar sessions to pass the course.

A detailed list of seminar topics and introductory literature will be announced in April on the website of the Chair of Economic History (<http://wirtschaftsgeschichte.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/>).

Please note that you have to register for this seminar in the week starting on 8th May 2016, 22:00. Please name your current semester and the number of already successfully completed seminars. Please register via e-Mail to: 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“.

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

C. Additional courses for Economists

Ringvorlesung

Fachschaft VWL

Mittwoch 19:00 Uhr bis 20:30 Uhr Einzeltermine
Schloss Schneckenhof Nord - SN 163

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>.

Vorlesung Aktuelle Themen der Wirtschaftspolitik

Grüner, H. P.

Mittwoch 14:00 Uhr bis 15:30 Uhr Einzeltermin 20.09.2016
Schloss Ostflügel - O 142

Mittwoch 14:00 Uhr bis 15:30 Uhr Einzeltermin 18.10.2016
Schloss Ostflügel - O 133

Kommentar:

31.05.16: Dr. Wilhelm Schmundt (Bain and Company)
20.09.16: Sven Giegold (Die Grünen)
18.10.16: Ralph Bollmann (faz)
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 semester

Method (hours per week): lecture (1)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: German / English

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. (06221) 181-1886, E-Mail: gruener@uni-mannheim.de, Office: L7, 3-5, 2.06

Courses offered by the University library

Business Studies & Economics: Library Basics

Rautenberg, K.

Dienstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 13.09.2016
InfoCenter in the library "Schloss Schneckenhof" - West Entry

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.

Business Studies: Matthias Pintsch, email: matthias.pintsch @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

Rautenberg, K.

Donnerstag 10:15 Uhr bis 11:45 Uhr Einzeltermin 15.09.2016
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.

Course language: English

Target audience: Students in Business Studies or Economics

Further dates by arrangement (starting from 5 participants).

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