

Department of Economics

Courses held in English language – Spring semester 2012

This catalogue comprises courses on Bachelor and Diploma level only. All courses on Master and Ph.D.-level are offered in English language. For courses added after November 15th, please cf. page 14, and also check the German update file for organizational changes.

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I. Courses on Bachelor level

Makroökonomik A				
Vorlesung		4st.		Krebs, T. / Harenberg, D.
wtl	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	Schloss SN 163
wtl	Fr	13:45 - 15:15	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	Schloss SN 163
Kommentar:				
<i>Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher (D. Harenberg) und in englischer (T. Krebs) Sprache gehalten!</i>				
Please, notice that you have to register for the lecture at "Studierendenportal"				
Literatur:				
Mankiw, N. Gregory (2003), Makroökonomik, 5. Auflage, Schäfer-Poeschl Verlag, Stuttgart; oder die englischsprachige Ausgabe				
Mankiw, N. Gregory (2006), Macroeconomics, 6th Rev, Worth Publishers Inc., U.S.				
Course title: Makroökonomik A				
Instructors: Prof. Tom Krebs, Ph.D.; Daniel Harenberg				
Method: lecture (4) + practical exercises (2)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Prerequisites: none				
Examination: written				
ECTS-Credits: 8				
Course description:				
I.	Saving and Investment (Mankiw, Chapter 3)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• national accounts• inflation: BIP-deflator and the CPI			
IV.	Open Economy (Mankiw, Chapter 5)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Contact person: Prof. Tom Krebs, Ph.D., E-Mail: tkrebs@econ.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, Zimmer P05/06

Makroökonomik A (englisch)

Vorlesung	4st.			Krebs, T / Harenberg, D.
wtl	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	Schloss M 003
wtl	Fr	13:45 - 15:15	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	Schloss M 003

Kommentar:

See above

Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher (D. Harenberg) und in englischer (T. Krebs) Sprache gehalten!

Mikroökonomik A

Vorlesung	4st.			Felgenhauer, M.
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	14.02.2012-29.05.2012	A 3 Bibl.,Hörsaalgebäude 001
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	16.02.2012-31.05.2012	A 3 Bibl.,Hörsaalgebäude 001

Kommentar:

Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher (M. Felgenhauer) und in englischer (S. Goldlücke) Sprache gehalten!

Inhalt: Haushaltsentscheidungen, Güternachfrage, Entscheidungen unter Unsicherheit, Firmenentscheidungen, Produktionsangebot und Faktornachfrage, partielles und allgemeines Marktgleichgewicht.

Literatur: Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld, Mikroökonomie. (7. Auflage), Pearson Studium, 2005.

Hal R. Varian, Grundzüge der Mikroökonomik. (6. Auflage), Oldenburg, 2004.

Übungen zur Vorlesung: siehe Studierendenportal / Homepage VWL

Course title: Mikroökonomik A

Instructors: Dr. Mike Felgenhauer (lectures in German), Dr. Susanne Goldlücke (lectures in English)

Method (hours per week): lecture (4) + practical exercises (2)

Examination: written, 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.

Contact person: Prof. Susanne Goldlücke, Tel. 181-3072, E-Mail: goldluecke@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.46+

Mikroökonomik A (englisch)

Vorlesung	4st.			Goldlücke, S.
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	14.02.2012-29.05.2012	Schloss M 003
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	16.02.2012-31.05.2012	B 6, 23-25 A 0.01

Die Vorlesung wird parallel in deutscher (M. Felgenhauer) und in englischer (S. Goldlücke) Sprache gehalten!
See above (p. 3)

Applied Microeconometrics with Stata (Bachelor)

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Weber, A.

wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	13.02.2012-28.05.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
wtl	Di	12:00 - 13:30	14.02.2012-29.05.2012	L 7, 3-5 158
wtl	Fr	08:30 - 10:00	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	L 7, 3-5 158

Kommentar:

Bei den Terminen Di und Fr handelt es sich um *alternative* Übungstermine!

Course title: Angewandte Mikroökonomie mit Stata

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber

Offered: spring term 2012

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (2)

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Course language: German/English

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie

Examination: written, 90 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 7

Course description:

This course examines econometric identification issues in empirical microeconomics and public policy analysis. It supplements topics covered in an introductory econometrics course with a focus on the sensible application of econometric methods to empirical problems. The course provides background on issues that arise when analyzing non-experimental social science data and a guide for tools that are useful for applied research. By the end of the course, students should have a firm grasp of the types of research design that can lead to convincing analysis and be comfortable working with large scale data sets.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber, Tel. 0621-181-1928, E-Mail: a.weber@uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 4.20

Behavioral Economics

Vorlesung 2st.

Penczynski, S.

wtl	Mi	08:30 - 10:00	15.02.2012-30.05.2012
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Kommentar:

Course title: Behavioural Economics

Instructor(s): Prof. Stefan Penczynski, Ph.D.

Offered: Summer semester 2012, irregular cycle

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich

Examination: written, 90 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 5

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

Competition Policy				
Blockseminar		2st.		Nocke, V.
Block+Sa	-	-	23.03.2012-24.03.2012	
Kommentar:				
Course title: Competition Policy				
Instructor: Prof. Volker Nocke				
Offered: every year				
Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: english				
Prerequisites: Mikro A+ B, Industrial Organization				
Examination: written, 90 minutes				
ECTS-Credits: 4				
Course description: This seminar considers various issues in competition policy such as mergers, collusion, and vertical restraints.				
Contact person: Prof. V. Nocke, Tel. 181-1836, E-Mail: volker.nocke@googlemail.com, L7, 3-5, room 3.05				
Determinants of Growth: Policy Evaluation and Cross Country Comparisons*				
Blockseminar		2st.		Lee, S.
Einzel	Fr	17:15 - 18:45	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	09.03.2012-09.03.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	10.03.2012-10.03.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
Kommentar:				
Please, notice that you have to register for the course in "Studierendenportal"				
Course title: Determinants of Growth: Policy Evaluation and Cross Country Comparisons				
Method: seminar				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Makro A, Statistik I+II				
Examination: Seminar presentation and paper				
ECTS: 4				
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 <i>why</i> 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.				
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Lee, E-Mail: sylee.tim@uni-mannheim.de, P09 L7, 3-5				
<i>* für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet</i>				
Economics of Education: Experimental Evidence				
Blockseminar		2st.		Penczynski, S.
Block+Sa	-	-	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	
Kommentar:				
Organisational meeting held at the beginning of the semester. The seminar will take place on two consecutive days. Time and place to be announced.				
Course title: Economics of Education: Experimental Evidence				
Instructor(s): Prof. Stefan Penczynski, PhD				
Offered: irregular				

Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich
 Examination: seminar presentation and paper
 ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: While the topic of education is high on political agendas throughout the world, causal evidence about which measures improve student performance is more scarce than one would expect. The investigation of the Education Production Function (EPF) using experimental methods is gaining momentum. In this seminar, various input factors of the EPF (such as teacher quality, organisation of schooling, student incentives, etc.) will be investigated. Students will critically assess existing experimental and non-experimental studies and identify fields and methods for future experimental contributions.

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

Experimental methods in economics*

Vorlesung 2st. Orzen, H.

wtl Do 15:30 - 17:00 16.02.2012-31.05.2012

Kommentar:

Time and place to be announced

Course title: Experimental methods in economics

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen

Method (hours per week): lecture (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: first three semesters B. Sc.

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. While the module will be accessible to newcomers to the field of experimental economics, it is also suitable as a sequel to the 'Experimental Economics' lecture held in the autumn semester.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, E-Mail: henrik.orzen@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.05

* für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet

Family Economics

Vorlesung und Übung 3st. Tertilt, M.

wtl Di 10:15 - 11:45 14.02.2012-29.05.2012 L 7, 3-5 031

wtl Mi 15:30 - 17:00 22.02.2012-01.06.2012 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Kommentar:

Please, notice that you have to register for this lecture in "Studierendenportal"

Course title: Family Economics

Instructor: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D.

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

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikro A+B, Makro A+B

Examination: written, midterm and final exam

ECTS: 6

Course description: This course addresses topics in family economics. The emphasis is threefold:

1. Causes and consequences of historical changes in the organization of families (such as the demographic transition and the increase in female labor force participation).
2. The connection between economic development and family laws (such as child labor laws and the equal position of women).
3. Analysis of policies affecting families and children (such as parental leave policies, social security, education subsidies, etc.).

To analyze the issues above, the course provides a solid background in economic models of family behavior. We analyze the role

of the family in traditional and modern economies. The course considers the determinants of family formation, decision making within the family, specialization of activities, fertility decisions, and intergenerational relationships. Most importantly, you should have fun with this course. Family economics is an exciting subject that studies some of the most important issues facing the world today. I expect you to participate in class and ask a lot of questions.

The exercises will be held by Alessandra Donini. Office hours: tba.

Course Readings: Saul D. Hoffman and Susan L. Averett, "Women and the Economy," Pearson Addison Wesley, 2010. Second edition. This textbook is *required* reading for the course. It is cheapest to buy the book online. Note that it typically takes a few weeks for the book to arrive, so I highly recommend to order the book before the semester starts. In addition to the book, the course will also include several published research articles as *required* reading material. The articles will be posted on ILIAS. Occasionally, relevant recent newspaper articles on related topics will also be posted.

Note that the textbook and reading materials are not a substitute for coming to class! Part of your responsibility as a student is to attend classes and to take notes. This is an essential part of the learning process. I will therefore *not* post extensive lecture online. Also, note that this course will be fairly intense, so it is essential that you do not fall behind in your readings.

Course Website: The course website (ILIAS) is an important part of the course and you are expected to use it. The website will have the most up-to-date information about our schedule. The website will also have materials such as problem sets and solutions to problem sets and exams. After the first lecture, I will not distribute hard copies of these materials in class.

Sections: tba.

Grading: There will be one Midterm and a Final. There will be five Problem Sets, of which your best four will count towards your grade. The Problem Sets will be posted online and you will have one week to solve them. Problem sets should be brought to class on the due date or be dropped off in the economics department by 10am on the due date. Late problem sets will not be accepted.

The weights to determine your course grade will be as follows:

Problem Sets (4 of 5 count)	20%
Midterm	30%
Final	50%

Policies

Your problem set with the lowest score will be dropped from your grade calculation. This will give you a chance to skip one at your discretion without being penalized. Please use this option wisely over the quarter: there will be no other exemptions for missing a problem set.

Contact person: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D., E-Mail: tertilt@uni-mannheim.de

** für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet*

Labor Markets in the Great Recession*

Blockseminar	2st.			Jung, P.
Einzel	Fr	15:30 - 17:00	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 9, 1-2 003
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	02.03.2012-02.03.2012	L 9, 1-2 009
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	03.03.2012-03.03.2012	L 9, 1-2 009

Kommentar:

Please, notice that you have to register for the course in "Studierendenportal"

Course title: Labor Markets in the Great Recessions

Instructor: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D.

Method: Blockseminar

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Course language: English

Examination: attendance and presentation

ECTS: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma)

Course description:

The seminar studies the differences in the labor market experiences during the recent crises for a selected set of countries. Special emphasize will be given to the theoretical development of labor market business cycle models and their application to the current crises. Room will also be given to country studies of fiscal policy during the great recession and cross-country differences in macroeconomic policy. We will also keep an eye on implications for policy recommendations.

Contact person: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D., room P04, E-Mail: pjung@uni-mannheim.de

** für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet*

Public-Private Partnerships				
Blockseminar		2st.		Arve, M.
Einzel	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	02.03.2012-02.03.2012	
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	04.05.2012-04.05.2012	
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	05.05.2012-05.05.2012	
Kommentar:				
Organizational meeting on Friday, March 2 nd 2012, at 10:15h, Room tba. Block seminar will take place on Friday, May 4 th and Saturday, May 5 th , 2012, 09-18:00h, Room tba.				
Course title: Public-Private Partnerships				
Instructor(s): Malin Arve				
Method (hours per week): Blocked seminar (2)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Mikro A+B				
Examination: Seminar presentation				
ECTS-Credits: 4				
Course description: Over the last decades, public-private partnerships (PPPs) has become an increasingly popular way of procuring and maintaining public-sector infrastructure, in sectors such as transportation, social infrastructure, public utilities, government offices and other specialized services. This student seminar provides an introduction to PPPs and examples of PPP projects.				
Contact person(s): Concerning questions about the course - Malin Arve, phone 181 3056, marve@mail.uni-mannheim.de. For signing in please contact Nuray Mamaç, Ext. 1880, nuray.mamac@econ.uni-mannheim.de				
Seminar Finanzwissenschaft				
Blockseminar				Janeba, E.
Einzel	Do	09:00 - 17:00	09.02.2012-09.02.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 17:00	10.02.2012-10.02.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Kommentar:				
Course title: Seminar Finanzwissenschaft - Bachelor				
Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. E. Janeba				
Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Finanzwissenschaft				
Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper				
ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor)				
Course description: Current topics in public finance; see separate announcement on webpage of Prof. Janeba				
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Eckhard Janeba, Tel. 181-1795, E-Mail: janeba@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 2.29				
Seminar in experimental economics: social preferences*				
Blockseminar		2st.		Engelmann, D.
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	24.02.2012-24.02.2012	L 7, 3-5 410
Kommentar:				
Course title: Seminar in experimental economics: social preferences				
Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Dirk Engelmann				
Offered: every summer semester				
Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)				
Course level: bachelor				

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikro A+B

Examination: seminar presentation and seminar paper

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: Social preferences (i.e., preferences that take outcomes of others into account) are one of the central topics studied in experimental economics. Key experimental studies from the literature will be presented by the students. In the seminar papers, students should critically evaluate a research article and provide suggestions for own experiments that would help to further the understanding of the observed behavior.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Dirk Engelmann, Tel. 181-1894, E-Mail: dirk.engelmann@uni.mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.03, office hours: Mi, 12:30-13:30 h

** für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet*

Seminar in Industrial Organization

Blockseminar		2st.			Schmidt-Dengler, P.
Einzel	Di	15:30 - 17:00	14.02.2012-14.02.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	23.03.2012-23.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	24.03.2012-24.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	002

Kommentar:

Course title: Seminar in industrial organization

Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. Schmidt-Dengler

Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2)

Course level: bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Mikro A+B

Examination: presentation, paper

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: This block seminar covers recent empirical work in Industrial Organization. Students will present one paper and write a report evaluating the paper critically and suggesting improvements as well as further applications. The first meeting is an organizational meeting.

Contact person: Prof. Schmidt-Dengler, Ph.D. E-Mail: p.schmidt-dengler@uni-mannheim.de L7,3-5, room 3.11

The 2007-2010 Financial and Economic Crisis*

Blockseminar		2st.			Dürnecker, G.
Block+Sa	-	09:00 - 17:00	27.04.2012-28.04.2012	L 7, 3-5 P	043

Kommentar:

Preliminary meeting in January 2012, time and place tba

Course title: The 2007-2010 Financial and Economic Crisis

Instructor: Georg Dürnecker

Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Makro A

Examination: Seminar paper, presentation

ECTS-credits: 4

Course description: The focus of this course is on the 2007-2010 financial and economic crises, and in particular on its causes, the consequences for the real economy and the policy responses. We will address a variety of questions including the following: Which factors led to the recent financial crisis? Which mechanisms may have prolonged it? What are the economic consequences, and what kinds of policy responses, financial regulations, and institutional reforms are necessary to prevent or mitigate financial crisis?

Contact person: Georg Dürnecker, Tel. 181-1804, E-Mail: duernecker@uni-mannheim.de, L 7,3-5, room 246.

** für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet*

The Economics of Discrimination					
Blockseminar			2st.		Weber, A.
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 12:00	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 9, 1-2	009
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	09.03.2012-09.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	009
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	10.03.2012-10.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	009
Kommentar:					
<p>Course Title: The Economics of Discrimination Instructor: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: German/English Examination: tba ECTS-credits: 4</p> <p>Course description: Not all difference results from discrimination. Not all discrimination results in observable differences. This course will focus on issues of difference and discrimination associated with race, gender, nation of birth, or age focusing particularly on the labor market. We will discuss economic theories that explain discrimination and how econometrics is used to address questions of discrimination.</p> <p>Contact person: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber, Tel. 0621-181-1928, E-Mail: a.weber(at)uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.20</p>					
The politics and economics of conflict*					
Blockseminar			2st.		Carey, S. / Orzen, H.
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 17:00	02.03.2012-02.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 17:00	09.03.2012-09.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 17:00	20.04.2012-20.04.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 17:00	27.04.2012-27.04.2012	L 9, 1-2	002
Kommentar:					
<p>Course title: The politics and economics of conflict Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, Prof. Carey Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: none Examination: tba ECTS Credits: 4</p> <p>Course description: This is an interdisciplinary seminar on the politics and the economics of conflict. It introduces students to the main theoretical debates and arguments of contemporary conflict studies from the fields of political science and economics. Within political science, the course will focus on how theoretical explanations of armed conflict and civil war can be evaluated with empirical research. In economics, situations of conflict are often modeled as contest games, in which the rival parties expend efforts in trying to achieve some mutually incompatible goals. Although such efforts may be violent, this is not necessarily the case. Accordingly, the economics tools of conflict analysis have been applied to a wide range of settings, including military combat and war but also political competition and even sports. In the seminar we will examine such game-theoretic models and discuss how they can contribute to our understanding of conflict and we will evaluate quantitative and qualitative studies of armed conflict. A list of specific topics will be provided at a later point in time.</p> <p>Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, E-Mail: henrik.orzen@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.05</p> <p><i>* für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet</i></p>					

Time Series Analysis				
Vorlesung und Übung		4st.		Stocker, T.
wtl	Do	17:15 - 18:45	23.02.2012-01.06.2012	L 9, 1-2 002 (Übung)
wtl	Fr	12:00 - 13:30	17.02.2012-01.06.2012	L 7, 3-5 001 (Vorlesung)
wtl	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	24.02.2012-01.06.2012	L 9, 1-2 003 (Übung)
Kommentar:				
<p>The lecture takes place on Friday, 12-13.30h. For the exercise part of the class you may choose between Thursday, 17.15-18.45h, and Friday, 10.15-11.45h.</p> <p>Textbook: Stock, J.H. and Watson, M.W. (2007), Introduction to Econometrics, Pearson, Chapters 14, 15, and 16.</p> <p>Please, have a look on our website http://mammen.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/ at the beginning of the semester for updated course information.</p> <p>Course title: Time Series Analysis Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercises (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English on Demand Prerequisites: Statistik I+II, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie. Laptop needed Examination: written (90 min) 80%, practical exercises 20% ECTS-Credits: 7</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact persons: Dr. Toni Stocker, E-Mail: stocker@rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 143, Tel. 181-3963</p>				
Verteilungsgerechtigkeit				
Blockseminar		2st.		Tröger, T.
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 16:00	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 9, 1-2 002
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 16:00	24.02.2012-24.02.2012	L 9, 1-2 002
Kommentar:				
<p>Course title: Verteilungsgerechtigkeit Instructor(s): Prof. Dr. T. Tröger Offered: irregular cycle Method (hours per week): seminar (2) Course level: Bachelor, diploma Course language: English on demand Prerequisites: Mikro A+B Examination: presentation (50%), seminar paper (100/3 %), active participation (100/6 %) ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor), 6 (Diploma)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Contact person(s): Prof. Dr. T. Tröger, E-mail: troeger@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.47</p>				

Forschungsseminar Neuere Fragen der Wirtschaftsgeschichte

Forschungsseminar 2st.

Streb, J.

wtl Mi 17:00 - 19:00 15.02.2012-29.05.2012 L 9, 1-2 003

Kommentar:

Im Forschungsseminar präsentieren Wissenschaftler aus Mannheim und von auswärts ihre aktuellen Forschungsergebnisse.

Course title: Forschungsseminar: Neuere Fragen der Wirtschaftsgeschichte

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb

Offered: every semester

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor, Master, Diploma, Ph.D.

Course language: German or English

Prerequisites: Lecture "Einführung in die Wirtschaftsgeschichte für Volkswirte" or Proseminar

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, phone: 181-1932, E-Mail: streb@uni-mannheim.de; L7, 3-5, P 19/20

II. Courses on diploma level

Labor Markets in the Great Recession					Jung, P.
Blockseminar		2st.			
Einzel	Fr	15:30 - 17:00	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 9, 1-2	003
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	02.03.2012-02.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	009
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	03.03.2012-03.03.2012	L 9, 1-2	009
Kommentar:					
Please, notice that you have to register for the course in "Studierendenportal"					
Course title: Labor Markets in the Great Recessions					
Instructor: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D.					
Method: Blockseminar					
Course level: Bachelor and Diploma					
Course language: English					
Examination: attendance and presentation					
ECTS: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma)					
Course description:					
The seminar studies the differences in the labor market experiences during the recent crises for a selected set of countries. Special emphasize will be given to the theoretical development of labor market business cycle models and their application to the current crises. Room will also be given to country studies of fiscal policy during the great recession and cross-country differences in macroeconomic policy. We will also keep an eye on implications for policy recommendations.					
Contact person: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D., room P04, E-Mail: pjung@uni-mannheim.de					
E505 Industrial Organization: Markets and Strategies					Peitz, M.
Vorlesung und Übung		6st.			
wtl	Mo	13:45 - 15:15	13.02.2012-28.05.2012	L 7, 3-5	P 043
wtl	Mo	16:15 - 17:45	13.02.2012-28.05.2012	L 7, 3-5	P 043
wtl	Do	19:00 - 20:30	16.02.2012-31.05.2012	L 7, 3-5	P 043
Kommentar:					
Course title: Industrial Organization: Markets and Strategies					
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Martin Peitz					
Method (hours per week): lecture (4) + practical exercises (2)					
Course level: Master / Diploma					
Prerequisites: Microeconomics A or Buisness economics I					
Course language: English/Deutsch					
Examination: final exam; graded exercises; participation					
ECTS-Credits: 14					
Course description: This course covers strategic planning problems. It provides an overview of modern industrial organization with an emphasis of the theory and formal models. Models are adapted to tackle concrete problems. Students are provided with a toolkit and are encouraged to think strategically. This course covers the fundamentals of the theory of industrial organization. These are complemented by case studies and background knowledge of competition policy. Essential reading: Paul Belleflamme and Martin Peitz (2010), Industrial Organization: Markets and Strategies, Cambridge University Press					
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Martin Peitz, L7, 3-5, 3rd floor, room 330. E-Mail: martin.peitz@googlemail.com					

E506 Human Capital Formation				
Seminar		2st.		Pfeiffer, F.
wtl	Mi	15:30 - 17:00	15.02.2012-30.05.2012	
Kommentar:				
<p>Course title: E506 Seminar on Human Capital Formation Instructor: PD Dr. Friedhelm Pfeiffer Method (hours per week): seminar (2) Course level: Master / Diploma Course language: English or German, depending on participants Course prerequisites: Interest in research on the economics of education and human capital Examination: Seminar paper, presentation, attendance and active participation ECTS-Credits: 5</p> <p>Course description: In the seminar <i>human capital formation</i> and related <i>developmental theories</i> will be discussed. We will study initial life conditions, the role of investments by the individual, the family and educational institutions and their expected returns. Especially optimal investments into human capital over the life cycle are examined together with the role of educational institutions in financing and producing skills. In addition we will discuss actual issues in educational policy and educational policy reforms. In the seminar the formation of competences will be discussed with the help of empirical and theoretical methods and models. We will investigate the intentions, structure and limitations of important empirical studies in the field, like SOEP, PISA, NEPS and others.</p> <p>In case you would like to participate in the seminar, please contact me via email. In response I will send you a list of seminar topics and further application procedures.</p> <p>Contact person: PD Dr. Friedhelm Pfeiffer, Phone 0621 1235-150, E-Mail: pfeiffer@zew.de</p>				
Applied Microeconometrics with Stata (Bachelor)				
Vorlesung und Übung		4st.		Weber, A.
wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	13.02.2012-28.05.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
wtl	Di	12:00 - 13:30	14.02.2012-29.05.2012	L 7, 3-5 158
Kommentar:				
<p>Course title: Angewandte Mikroökonomie mit Stata Instructor: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber Offered: spring term 2012 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (2) Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Course language: German/English Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie Examination: written, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 7</p> <p>Course description: This course examines econometric identification issues in empirical microeconomics and public policy analysis. It supplements topics covered in an introductory econometrics course with a focus on the sensible application of econometric methods to empirical problems. The course provides background on issues that arise when analyzing non-experimental social science data and a guide for tools that are useful for applied research. By the end of the course, students should have a firm grasp of the types of research design that can lead to convincing analysis and be comfortable working with large scale data sets.</p> <p>Contact person: Prof. Dr. Andrea Weber, Tel. 0621-181-1928, E-Mail: a.weber@uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 4.20</p>				
Verteilungsgerechtigkeit				
Blockseminar		2st.		Tröger, T.
Kommentar:				
<p>Course title: Verteilungsgerechtigkeit Instructor: Prof. Dr. Tröger Method (hours per week): seminar (2) Course level: Bachelor, Diploma Course language: English on demand</p>				

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A and B

Examination: presentation (50%), seminar paper (100/3 %), active participation (100/6 %)

ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor), 6 (Diploma)

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)

Contact person: Prof. Dr. T. Tröger, E-Mail: troeger@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 3.47

E504 International Trade and Tax Policy Analysis

Vorlesung und Übung 3st.

Janeba, E.

wtl Mo 08:30 - 10:00 13.02.2012-01.06.2012 L 7, 3-5 P 043

14-tägig Do 10:15 - 11:45 16.02.2012-31.05.2012 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Kommentar:

Course title: International Trade and Tax Policy Analysis

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Eckhard Janeba

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

Course level: M.Sc. Economics, Diploma Economics

Examination: tba

ECTS-Credits: 6 (Diploma) or 7 (Master)

Course description: This course deals with trade and public policies in open economies with a focus on recent policy debates. At the same time we provide foundations for policy analysis by studying theoretical models. A tentative list of topics and questions is as follows: 1. How does trade affect wages and unemployment? 2. Is free trade good for the environment? 3. How do firms respond to trade liberalization? 4. Does trade integration increase or decrease tax competition? 5. Who lobbies for trade protection? 6. Does international trade erode culture? 7. Is international tax competition welfare improving? 8. Does globalization shrink the welfare state?

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Eckhard Janeba, Tel. 181-1795, E-Mail: janeba@uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 229

Forschungsseminar Neuere Fragen der Wirtschaftsgeschichte

Forschungsseminar 2st.

Streb, J.

wtl Mi 17:00 - 19:00 15.02.2012-29.05.2012 L 9, 1-2 003

Kommentar:

Im Forschungsseminar präsentieren Wissenschaftler aus Mannheim und von auswärts ihre aktuellen Forschungsergebnisse.

Course title: Forschungsseminar: Neuere Fragen der Wirtschaftsgeschichte

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Jochen Streb

Offered: every semester

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor, Master, Diploma, Ph.D.

Course language: German or English

Prerequisites: Lecture "Einführung in die Wirtschaftsgeschichte für Volkswirte" or Proseminar

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

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III. Updates

05.12.2011

- **Cancelled**

Labor Markets in the Great Recession*		
Blockseminar	2st.	Jung, P.

29.11.2011

- **Change of Date**

Determinants of Growth: Policy Evaluation and Cross Country Comparisons*				
Blockseminar		2st.		Lee, S.
Einzel	Fr	17:15 - 18:45	17.02.2012-17.02.2012	L 7, 3-5 P 044
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	<u>04.05.2012-04.05.2012</u>	<u>L 7, 3-5 P 044</u>
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	<u>05.05.2012-05.05.2012</u>	<u>L 7, 3-5 P 044</u>
Please, notice that you have to register for the course in "Studierendenportal"				
Course title: Determinants of Growth: Policy Evaluation and Cross Country Comparisons				
Method: seminar				
Course level: Bachelor				
Course language: English				
Prerequisites: Makro A, Statistik I+II				
Examination: Seminar presentation and paper				
ECTS: 4				
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 <i>why</i> 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.				
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Lee, E-Mail: sylee.tim@uni-mannheim.de, P09 L7, 3-5				
* für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet				

- **Rooms**

Behavioral Economics			
Vorlesung		2st.	Penczynski, S.
wtl	Mi	08:30 - 10:00	15.02.2012-30.05.2012 <u>L 7, 3-5 031</u>
<p>Course title: Behavioural Economics Instructor(s): Prof. Stefan Penczynski, Ph.D. Offered: Summer semester 2012, irregular cycle Method (hours per week): lecture (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: Grundlagenbereich Examination: written, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 5 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</p>			
Competition Policy			
Blockseminar		2st.	Nocke, V.
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 17:00	23.03.2012-23.03.2012 <u>L 9, 1-2 009</u>
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 17:00	24.03.2012-24.03.2012 <u>L 9, 1-2 009</u>
<p>Course title: Competition Policy Instructor: Prof. Volker Nocke Offered: every year Method (hours per week): blockseminar (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: english Prerequisites: Mikro A+ B, Industrial Organization Examination: written, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 4 Course description: This seminar considers various issues in competition policy such as mergers, collusion, and vertical restraints. Contact person: Prof. V. Nocke, Tel. 181-1836, E-Mail: volker.nocke@googlemail.com, L7, 3-5, room 3.05</p>			
Experimental methods in economics			
Vorlesung		2st.	Orzen, H.
wtl	Do	15:30 - 17:00	16.02.2012-31.05.2012 <u>L 15, 1-6 (Hochhaus) A 001</u>
<p>Course title: Experimental methods in economics Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen Method (hours per week): lecture (2) Course level: Bachelor</p>			

Course language: English
 Prerequisites: first three semesters B. Sc.
 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. While the module will be accessible to newcomers to the field of experimental economics, it is also suitable as a sequel to the 'Experimental Economics' lecture held in the autumn semester.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, E-Mail: henrik.orzen@uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 4.05

* für Studierende des 4. Fachsemesters geeignet

Public-Private Partnerships				
Blockseminar		2st.		Arve, M.
Einzel	Fr	10:15 - 11:45	02.03.2012-02.03.2012	<u>L 7, 3-5 P 044</u>
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	04.05.2012-04.05.2012	<u>L 7, 3-5 P 043</u>
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	05.05.2012-05.05.2012	<u>L 7, 3-5 P 043</u>

Organizational meeting on Friday, March 2nd 2012, at 10:15h, Room tba. Block seminar will take place on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, 2012, 09-18:00h, Room tba.

Course title: Public-Private Partnerships
 Instructor(s): Malin Arve
 Method (hours per week): Blocked seminar (2)
 Course level: Bachelor
 Course language: English
 Prerequisites: Mikro A+B
 Examination: Seminar presentation
 ECTS-Credits: 4
 Course description: Over the last decades, public-private partnerships (PPPs) has become an increasingly popular way of procuring and maintaining public-sector infrastructure, in sectors such as transportation, social infrastructure, public utilities, government offices and other specialized services. This student seminar provides an introduction to PPPs and examples of PPP projects.

Contact person(s): Concerning questions about the course - Malin Arve, phone 181 3056, marve@mail.uni-mannheim.de. For signing in please contact Nuray Mamaç, Ext. 1880, nuray.mamac@econ.uni-mannheim.de