

Department of Economics

Courses held in English language – Spring semester 2011

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 16, please cf. page 16. Do also check the German update file for organizational changes.

Registration for seminars is supposed to take place between November 22 and 26, any changes are supposed to be arranged until December 3. Please cf. course information below and course homepages for further details.

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I. Courses on Bachelor level

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<p>BITTE MELDEN SIE SICH ZU DER VORLESUNG VOM 16.12.2010 - 17.02.2011 IM STUDIERENDENPORTAL UNTER "Veranstaltungsanmeldung" AN.</p> <p>!! ACHTUNG, DIE VORLESUNG WIRD PARALLEL IN DEUTSCH (O 163) UND ENGLISCH (M 003) GEHALTEN !!</p> <p>Literatur zur Vorlesung: 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.</p> <p>Inhalt: a) Wachstum: Sparen, Zinsen und Kapitalakkumulation; Technischer Fortschritt; Human Kapital; Geld, Inflation und Wachstum. b) Der Arbeitsmarkt: Arbeitslosigkeit; Löhne und Gehälter; Technischer Fortschritt und Lohnungleichheit. c) Die offene Volkswirtschaft: Exporte und Importe; Kapitalströme; Wechselkurse; Globalisierung und Wachstum; Globalisierung und Arbeitsmarkt. d) Wirtschaftspolitik: Fiskalpolitik und Steuerreform; Arbeitsmarktreform; Rentenreform; Gesundheitsreform.</p> <p>Course title: Makroökonomik A Method: lecture (4) + practical exercises (2) Course level: Bachelor Prerequisites: none Examination written ECTS: 8 Course description: a) Economic Growth: saving, interest rates and capital accumulation; technological progress; human capital; money, inflation and economic growth. b) The Labor Market: unemployment; wages and salaries; technological progress and wage inequality. c) The Open Economy: exports and imports; capital flows; exchange rates; globalization and economic growth; globalization and the labor market. d) Economic Policy: fiscal policy and tax reform; labor market reform; social security reform; health reform.</p> <p>Contact person: Corinna Jann-Grahovac (secretary's office), Tel. 181-1851, e-Mail: cjann[at]uni-mannheim.de</p>					

Mikroökonomik A				
Vorlesung				Felgenhauer, M.
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	15.02.2011-31.05.2011	A 3 Bibl.,Hörsaalgebäude 001
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	A 3 Bibl.,Hörsaalgebäude 001
Mikroökonomik A (englisch)				
Vorlesung				Goldlücke, S.
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	15.02.2011-31.05.2011	
wtl	Do	10:15 - 11:45	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	B 6, 23-25 Bauteil A, A 0.01
<p>Inhalt: Haushaltsentscheidungen, Güternachfrage, Entscheidungen unter Unsicherheit, Firmenentscheidungen, Produktionsangebot und Faktornachfrage, partielles und allgemeines Marktgleichgewicht.</p> <p>Literatur: Robert S. Pindyck und Daniel S. Rubinfeld, Mikroökonomie. (6. Auflage), Pearson Studium, 2005. Hal R. Varian, Grundzüge der Mikroökonomik. (6. Auflage), Oldenburg, 2004.</p> <p>Übungen zur Vorlesung: siehe updates zum kommentierten Vorlesungsverzeichnis und/oder ILIAS</p> <p>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 min. 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: Dr. Mike Felgenhauer, Tel. 181-1911, e-Mail: felgenha[at]rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 3.01</p>				
Microeconomic Applications				
Vorlesung und Übung			3st.	Väänänen, L. / Peitz, M.
wtl	Do	13:45 - 15:15	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 044
<p>Course title: Microeconometric Applications Instructors: Prof. Dr. Martin Peitz, Lotta Väänänen Prerequisites: Microeconomics A&B, Basic Econometrics Offered: Spring 2014 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (1) Examination: Final exam, 90 minutes (70%) and homework exercises (30%) Course schedule: Thursday (weekly), 13:45-15:15 h Course level: Bachelor Course language: English ECTS-Credits: 6 Course description: The course focuses on empirical applications of microeconomic methods with cross-sectional and panel data. It complements the course Applied Microeconometrics with Stata by focusing on the application of methods to specific research problems, giving students practical guidance on how to approach empirical research in economics. Starting from a research question, we discuss econometric issues related to the identification of the causal effect, what estimators to use and why, and what data and measurement issues are involved. The applications covered include questions in labor economics (e.g. wage equations, labor force participation, unemployment program evaluation), as well as questions in industrial organization (e.g. firm growth, production functions, demand), and we work with cross-sectional and panel data sets on individuals and firms. Textbook: A. C. Cameron and P. K. Trivedi, Microeconometrics Using Stata. Stata Press, 2009. Office hours: Wednesday, 15:00-16:00 h. Contact person: Lotta Väänänen (lottavaan[at]googlemail.com), phone: 181-1877.</p>				

Topics in Political Economics				
Vorlesung		2st.		Winschel, E.
wtl	Mi	10:15 - 11:45	16.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 9, 1-2 003
<p>Course title: Topics in Political Economics Instructor: Dr. Evguenia Winschel Method (hours per week): lecture (2) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: Wirtschaftspolitik Examination: take home final exam ECTS-Credits: 5 Course description: In this course, we study methods, applications and empirical methodology of political economy. Contact person: Dr. Evguenia Winschel, Tel. 181-1939, eugeniaw[at]rumms.uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, S09</p>				
Angewandte Mikroökonomie mit Stata				
Vorlesung und Übung		4st.		Maier, M.
wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	14.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Mo	12:00 - 13:30	21.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 158
<p>Course title: Angewandte Mikroökonomie mit Stata Instructor: Dr. Michael Maier Offered: spring term 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (2) Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Course language: German/English Prerequisites: Basic Econometrics/Grundlagen der Ökonometrie Examination: written, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 7 Course description: This course introduces various microeconomic methods, which can be applied to analyze a wide range of economic questions. In particular, linear and instrumental variables regressions, discrete choice models, panel data models (including nonlinear and dynamic approaches), methods for durations, quantile regressions, econometric evaluation models, and basic nonparametric methods are discussed. All topics will be applied in computer tutorials using Stata. The aim of the lectures is to enable the participants to understand and apply econometric models in empirical analyses, to decide which model to choose for a given empirical question, and to gain sound experience with the Stata software package. Contact person: Michael Maier, Tel. 181-3500, E-mail: michael.maier[at]uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 103</p>				
Behavioral personnel economics				
Seminar		3st.		Neckermann, S.
<p>Registration: Neckermann[at]zew.de Ort und Zeit nach Vereinbarung / Time and location tba. Course title: Behavioral personnel economics Instructor: Dr. Susanne Neckermann Method (hours per week): seminar (3) Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Course language: German or English ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma) Course description: This seminar provides a short introduction to personnel economics, the analysis of organizations and human relations from an economist's point of view. Behavioral economics has provided both theory and evidence on how human behavior deviates from neoclassical assumptions. These findings have important implications for the optimal design of incentives in principal-agent relationships. In this seminar, we will study a number of recent theoretical and empirical papers that look at behavior in the workplace. Among others, the topics of the seminar include non-financial work incentives, reference-dependent preferences, and peer effects. Contact person: Dr. Susanne Neckermann, Neckermann[at]zew.de</p>				

Business Cycles and Financial Markets				
Blockseminar		2st.		Jung, P.
Einzel	Fr	16:00–18:00	25.02.2011-25.02.2011	
Einzel	Fr	10:00–20:00	20.05.2011-20.05.2011	
Einzel	Sa	10:00–20:00	21.05.2011-21.05.2011	
<p>Location tba.</p> <p>Course title: Business Cycles and Financial Markets Instructor: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D. Method: Block Seminar Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Prerequisites: Interest in Macroeconomics Examination: seminar paper, presentation and active participation ECTS Credits: 4 Course description: The seminar will study business cycle theories with special emphasize on (financial) and labor market frictions. We will look into recent attempts to explain the crises and discuss the arguments in light of modern business cycle theory and recent empirical findings. Contact person: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D., phone: 0621/181-1854, L 7, 3-5, room P04, email: p.jung[at]vwl.uni-mannheim.de</p>				
Family Economics				
Vorlesung und Übung		3st.		Tertilt, M.
wtl	Di	10:15 - 11:45	15.02.2011-31.05.2011 L 9, 1-2 002	
<p>Course title: Family Economics Instructor: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D. Offered: summer semester 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + practical exercise (1) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Examination: written, 90 min. 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 egal 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. If 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. Contact person: Prof. Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D., email: tertilt[at]uni-mannheim.de</p>				

Geld- und Währungspolitisches Seminar / Seminar in Monetary and International Financial Policy

Seminar 2st. Vaubel, R.

Einzel Sa 09:30 - 16:30 05.03.2011-05.03.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Einzel Sa 09:30 - 16:30 12.03.2011-12.03.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Course title: Geld- und Währungspolitisches Seminar / Seminar in Monetary and International Financial Policy

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Examination: term paper only

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

recommended term: 5-7

Course language: German and English

Course description: Seminar in Monetary Policy and International Financial Policy.

Discussion of term papers on selected topics in the field of monetary and international financial policy. The term papers have to be handed in on the first day (noon) of the lecturing period. A list of suggested topics is posted on the message board.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, Tel.: 0621/181-1816, e-mail: vaubel[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 2-12

Growth and Cycles

Blockseminar 2st. Dürnecker, G.

Einzel Do 10:45 - 19:00 10.03.2011-10.03.2011 L 7, 3-5 410

Einzel Fr 10:00 - 19:00 11.03.2011-11.03.2011 L 7, 3-5 410

Course title: Growth and Cycles

Instructor: Georg Dürnecker

Offered: FSS 2011

Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Basic Macroeconomics

Examination: seminar paper + presentation

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: Short-run fluctuations in economic activity and long-run growth are two phenomena which are common to almost all economies. In the past, both were often considered to be independent from each other. However, recently, economic research has started to explore the links and interdependences between business cycle fluctuations and the long-run growth path of economies. The aim of this course is two-fold. First, we will review and discuss various theories of long-run economic growth and models that address business cycle fluctuations such as (a) the neoclassical growth model, (b) overlapping-generations models, (c) models of endogenous growth, (d) the Schumpeterian model of creative destruction, (e) the real business cycle model and (f) New Keynesian models. Second, we will discuss the recent advancements in the literature on the link between short-run fluctuations and long-run growth. In addition to the theory covered in the seminar, we will also focus on empirical aspects and important stylized facts related to growth and cycles.

Contact person: Georg Dürnecker, Tel. 181-1804, e-Mail: durnecker[at]uni-mannheim.de, L 7,3-5, room 246.

Reading group in experimental economics

Seminar 2st. Orzen, H.

wtl Do 15:30 - 17:00 17.02.2011-03.06.2011 L 9, 1-2 003

Course title: Experimental economics reading group

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English or German, depending on participants

Examination: Seminar paper, presentation, attendance and active participation

ECTS Credits: 4

Course description:

Economists increasingly use experimental methods to study human decision-making behavior in economically relevant settings. In this seminar we will discuss specific papers from the experimental economics literature. We will cover a range of topics, including individual choice under risk and uncertainty, decision-making in strategic situations, competition in markets and fundamental methodological questions.

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Henrik Orzen, E-Mail: [henrik.orzen\[at\]uni-mannheim.de](mailto:henrik.orzen[at]uni-mannheim.de), L7, 3-5, room 4.05

Seminar in International Trade and Regional Integration

Blockseminar 2st. Breinlich, H.

Einzel Fr 13:45 - 15:15 18.02.2011-18.02.2011

Einzel Fr 09:00 - 18:00 15.04.2011-15.04.2011

Einzel Sa 09:00 - 18:00 16.04.2011-16.04.2011

Please sign up for this seminar at ILIAS.

Location tba.

Course title: Topics in International Trade and Regional Integration

Instructor: Holger Breinlich

Offered: Spring 2011

Method (hours per week): Blockseminar (2)

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der VWL/Introduction to Economics, Mikro A/Introductory Microeconomics, Grundlagen der Ökonometrie/Introduction to Econometrics (or equivalent courses)

Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course schedule: Organizational Meeting on Friday, February 18th, at 13:45 h, Blockseminar on Friday and Saturday, April 15/16, 09:00-18:00 h.

Course description: The seminar will cover current topics in International Trade and Regional Integration. Topics will address a wide range of questions such as: Why did international trade contract so much during the recent recession? Does the European Union's trade policy harm developing countries? What are the implications of the recent spread of regional trade agreements for the world trading system? What is the impact of trade on wage inequality? An initial organizational meeting will be held at the beginning of the term. For further information see http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~hbrein/Seminar_ITRI.pdf.

Contact person: Holger Breinlich, [hbrein\[at\]essex.ac.uk](mailto:hbrein[at]essex.ac.uk).

Theories of the Welfare State

Blockseminar 2st.

Bierbrauer, F.

Block - 10:00 - 18:00 07.02.2011-08.02.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Course title: Theories of the Welfare State

Instructor: Dr. Felix Bierbrauer

Course level: Bachelor

Method (hours per week): seminar (2)

Examination: tba.

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course language: English on demand

Course description: The seminar will cover theoretical work that tries to explain the emergence of the modern welfare state. A main theoretical challenge is to find an explanation for the coexistence of the "European model" of the welfare state, on the one hand, and the "US model" of a comparatively slim welfare state, on the other.

Contact person: Dr. Felix Bierbrauer, e-mail: bierbrauer[at]coll.mpg.de

Time Series Analysis

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Stocker, T.

wtl Fr 10:15 - 11:45 18.02.2011-03.06.2011 L 7, 3-5 001

wtl Fr 08:30 - 10:00 25.02.2011-03.06.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 043

Textbook: Stock, J.H. and Watson, M.W. (2007), Introduction to Econometrics, Pearson, Chapters 14, 15, and 16.

Please, have a look on our website

<http://mammen.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/>

at the beginning of the semester for updated course information.

Course title: Time Series Analysis

Instructor: Dr. Toni Stocker

Offered: FSS 2011

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

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English on Demand

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie (Basic Econometrics), Laptop needed

Examination: tba.

ECTS-Credits: 7

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

Contact persons: Dr. Toni Stocker, e-Mail: stocker[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 143, Tel. 181-3963

Entrepreneurship in the Region

Blockseminar

2st.

Hasse, S.

Einzel	Do	08:30 - 13:00	07.04.2011-07.04.2011	Ort wird noch bekannt gegeben / tba.
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 13:00	08.04.2011-08.04.2011	L 9, 1-2 002
Einzel	Sa	08:30 - 13:00	09.04.2011-09.04.2011	L 9, 1-2 002

Course title: Entrepreneurship in the Region

Instructor: Stefanie Hasse (Chair Prof. Gans)

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

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Course language: English or German, depending on participants

Prerequisites: none

Examination: Seminar paper, presentation, attendance and active participation

ECTS Credits: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma)

Course description: Why do some regions become vital centers of entrepreneurial activity while others languish? The importance of entrepreneurship as a factor in the creation of both individual and regional wealth has recently generated considerable interest. Successful regions were not transformed overnight just due to a single breakthrough idea. The transformation has often been possible only because a blend of intangibles - novel ideas, enterprising individuals, networks, a culture of risk taking, - have come together with tangibles such as seed capital to produce transformative business ideas. The seminar will cover topics to research exactly these soft and hard factors which determine the specific intensity of business start-ups among regions. The seminar will be organized as a block seminar. At the beginning of the semester a list of topics can be found on the homepage. Each topic shall be assigned to one student.

Contact: Stefanie Hasse, E-Mail: [Stefanie.hasse\[at\]uni-mannheim.de](mailto:Stefanie.hasse[at]uni-mannheim.de), L7, 3-5, room P031.

II. Courses on Diploma level

Behavioral personnel economics		
Seminar	3st.	Neckermann, S.
<p>Registration: Neckermann[at]zew.de</p> <p>Ort und Zeit nach Vereinbarung / Time and location tba.</p> <p>Course title: Behavioral personnel economics Instructor: Dr. Susanne Neckermann Method (hours per week): seminar (3) Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Course language: German or English ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma) Course description: This seminar provides a short introduction to personnel economics, the analysis of organizations and human relations from an economist's point of view. Behavioral economics has provided both theory and evidence on how human behavior deviates from neoclassical assumptions. These findings have important implications for the optimal design of incentives in principal-agent relationships. In this seminar, we will study a number of recent theoretical and empirical papers that look at behavior in the workplace. Among others, the topics of the seminar include non-financial work incentives, reference-dependent preferences, and peer effects. Contact person: Dr. Susanne Neckermann, Neckermann[at]zew.de</p>		
E505 Markets and Strategies		
Vorlesung	4st.	Peitz, M.
wtl	Mo 13:45 - 18:45	14.02.2011-30.05.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 043
<p>Course title: E505 Markets and Strategies Instructor: Prof. Dr. Martin Peitz Method (hours per week): lecture (4) + practical exercises (2) Prerequisites: Microeconomics I Course level: Master and Diploma Course language: English ECTS-Credits: 11 (Diploma) or 14 (Master) Course description: It is a too complex task to analyze strategic planning problems without an appropriate reduction to a more abstract environment. This makes a formal analysis very important and often essential. This course shall enable the student to gain such an understanding from a business strategy and competition policy perspective. Importantly, the student is not only expected to understand existing models but more general principles and mechanisms at work. Hence, models can be 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. Organization: 1. Introduction; 2. Market Power; 3. Sources of Market Power; 4. Pricing and Market Segmentation 5. Product Quality and Information; 6. Theory of Competition Policy; 7. R&D and Intellectual Property; 8. Networks, Standards, and Systems; 9. Intermediation Contact person: Nuray Mamaç (Secretary to Prof. Peitz), Tel. 181-1880.</p>		
E505 Markets and Strategies		
Übung	2st.	Kummer, M.
wtl	Do 10:15 - 11:45	24.02.2011-03.06.2011 L 9, 1-2 002

E530 Topics in Industrial Organization				Schutz, N.
Blockseminar		2st.		
Einzel	Mo	10:15 - 11:45	21.02.2011-21.02.2011	
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	29.04.2011-29.04.2011	
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	30.04.2011-30.04.2011	
<p>Please sign up for this seminar at ILIAS.</p> <p>Location tba.</p> <p>Course schedule: Organizational meeting on Monday, February 21, 10:15-11:45 h, and the seminar on Friday and Saturday, 29-30 of April, 09:00-18:00 h.</p> <p>Course title: E530 Seminar Topics in Industrial Organization Instructor: Nicolas Schutz Offered: Spring 2011 Method (hours per week): Blocked Seminar (2) Course level: Master and Diploma Course language: English Prerequisites: Bachelor Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper ECTS-Credits: 5 (Master) or 6 (Diploma) Course description: The seminar will cover selected topics on vertical integration and the boundaries of the firm. A reading list will be communicated at a later stage. Contact person: Nicolas Schutz, nicolas.schutz[at]gmail.com</p>				
E531 Economics of Imperfectly Competitive Market				Takahashi, Y.
Blockseminar		2st.		
Einzel	Mi	13:45 - 15:15	16.02.2011-16.02.2011	
Einzel	Fr	09:00 - 18:00	06.05.2011-06.05.2011	
Einzel	Sa	09:00 - 18:00	07.05.2011-07.05.2011	
<p>Please sign up for this seminar at ILIAS.</p> <p>Location tba.</p> <p>Organizational Meeting: Wednesday, February 16th, 2011 Course schedule: Friday, May 6th, 9:00 - 18:00; Saturday, May 7th, 9:00 - 18:00</p> <p>Course title: E531 Economics of Imperfectly Competitive Market Instructors: Yuya Takahashi Offered: Spring 2011 Method (hours per week): block seminar (2) Course level: Master and Diploma Course language: English Prerequisites: Bachelor Examination: Seminar presentation and seminar paper ECTS-Credits: 5 (Master) or 6 (Diploma) Course description: We discuss empirical applications of several important topics in IO. Students are required to pick one or two empirical papers in selected topics and give a presentation to discuss the papers' strengths and weaknesses. Students are also required to reproduce the papers' empirical results using actual or simulated data. Topics include competition and market structure, product differentiation, entry and exit, discrete choice, vertical relationships, and technology adoption. Contact person: Yuya Takahashi, email: ytakahas[at]mail.uni-mannheim.de</p>				

Geld- und Währungspolitisches Seminar / Seminar in Monetary and International Financial Policy				
Seminar		2st.		Vaubel, R.
Einzel	Sa	09:30 - 16:30	05.03.2011-05.03.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 043
Einzel	Sa	09:30 - 16:30	12.03.2011-12.03.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 043
<p>Course title: Geld- und Währungspolitisches Seminar / Seminar in Monetary and International Financial Policy Instructor: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Method (hours per week): seminar (2) Examination: term paper only ECTS-Credits: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma) recommended term: 5-7 Course language: German and English Course description: Seminar in Monetary Policy and International Financial Policy. Discussion of term papers on selected topics in the field of monetary and international financial policy. The term papers have to be handed in on the first day (noon) of the lecturing period. A list of suggested topics is posted on the message board. Contact person: Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, Tel.: 0621/181-1816, e-mail: vaubel[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 2-12</p>				
Angewandte Mikroökometrie mit Stata				
Vorlesung und Übung		4st.		Maier, M.
wtl	Mo	08:30 - 10:00	14.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 031
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<p>Course title: Angewandte Mikroökometrie mit Stata Instructor: Dr. Michael Maier Offered: spring term 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (2) Course level: Bachelor and Diploma Course language: German/English Prerequisites: Basic Econometrics/Grundlagen der Ökonometrie Examination: written, 90 minutes ECTS-Credits: 7 Course description: This course introduces various microeconomic methods, which can be applied to analyze a wide range of economic questions. In particular, linear and instrumental variables regressions, discrete choice models, panel data models (including nonlinear and dynamic approaches), methods for durations, quantile regressions, econometric evaluation models, and basic nonparametric methods are discussed. All topics will be applied in computer tutorials using Stata. The aim of the lectures is to enable the participants to understand and apply econometric models in empirical analyses, to decide which model to choose for a given empirical question, and to gain sound experience with the Stata software package. Contact person: Michael Maier, Tel. 181-3500, E-mail: michael.maier[at]uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room 103</p>				

E501 Microeconometrics

Vorlesung und Übung 4st.

Frölich, M.

wtl	Do	12:00–13:30	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 031
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Der Kurs behandelt PARAMETRISCHE Modelle für die Analyse von Mikrodaten. (Er ist komplementär zum Kurs Treatment effects, der vollständig nichtparametrisch orientiert ist.)

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Course title: E501 Microeconometrics

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Markus Frölich

Offered: Spring term 2011

Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + computer tutorial (1)

Course level: Master and Diploma (also PhD admitted)

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, mindestens ein weiterer Ökonometrikurs

Examination: written, 135 minutes

ECTS-Credits: 8 (Diploma) or 9.5 (Master)

Course description:

This course covers PARAMETRIC models for the analysis of microeconomic data as common in analysis of household data, marketing, firm data etc. (It is complementary to the course Treatment effects, which will be entirely nonparametric.)

Students are expected to read the following chapters

Wooldridge (2002): Econometric analysis of cross section and panel data (Chapter 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 12, 14).

Computer tutorials with Stata complement the lectures.

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Contact person: Prof. Dr. Markus Frölich, e-Mail Sekretariat: anja.schott[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3–5, room 107, phone 181-1845

E508 Multiple Time Series Analysis

Vorlesung und Übung 3st.

Trenkler, C.

wtl	Di	13:45 - 15:15	15.02.2011-31.05.2011	L 9, 1-2 003
wtl	Do	08:30 - 10:00	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 158

Course title: E508 Multiple Time Series Analysis

Instructor: Prof. Dr. Carsten Trenkler

Offered: Spring term

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

Course level: Master and Diploma

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Advanced Econometrics I

Examination: Exam and assignments

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

Course description: The lecture gives an introduction to multiple time series techniques and will cover vector autoregressive (VAR) processes, VAR estimation, VAR order selection and model checking. Moreover, the so-called VEC models as well as unit root and cointegration testing will also be treated. The use of VAR models in forecasting, causality and impulse response analysis will be explained and illustrated using empirical examples. The methods will be applied in computer tutorials.

Textbook: Lütkepohl, H. (2005), New Introduction to Multiple Time Series Analysis, Springer, Berlin, Chapters 1-4 and 6-9, Appendices A-D.

Contact person: Carsten Trenkler, Tel. 181-1851, E-mail: trenkler[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 105

E817 Econometrics of Financial Markets				
Vorlesung und Übung		4st.		Pigorsch, U.
wtl	Di	08:30 - 10:00	15.02.2011-31.05.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 043
wtl	Mi	08:30 - 10:00	16.02.2011-01.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 043
<p>Course title: E817 Econometrics of Financial Markets Instructor: Prof. Dr. Uta Pigorsch Offered: Spring term 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture and tutorials (2 + 1 for Master and 2 + 2 for PhD) Course level: Master and Ph.D. (Diploma students are also admitted) Course language: English Prerequisites: Econometrics I Examination: written (90 minutes) (for Ph.D. students: exam and term paper) ECTS-Credits: 6 (Diploma) or 7 (Master) Course description: The course provides an advanced study of econometric techniques most often used in the empirical analysis of financial markets. This involves inter alia (long-horizon) regressions, the generalized methods of moments and maximum-likelihood estimation, hypothesis testing, misspecification and issues related to measurement error and instrumental variable selection, as well as topics from (multivariate) time series analysis. The econometric methods will be studied within their main field of application in financial economics, such as the predictability of asset prices, the assessment of present value relations, the empirical analysis of asset pricing models (CAPM, APT etc.) and of event studies, the assessment of comovements among markets (e.g. cash and future), the modeling of volatility, etc. Contact person: Prof. Dr. Uta Pigorsch, Tel. 181-1945, E-mail. uta.pigorsch[at]vwl.uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 126</p>				
E502 Demography and region / Demographie und Region				
Vorlesung		2st.		Gans, P.
wtl	Mo	12:00 - 13:30	21.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 044
<p>Every course of the module may also be attended individually.</p> <p>Course title: E 502 Demography and Region Instructor: Prof. Dr. Paul Gans Method (hours per week): lecture (2) Offered: Summer semesters Course level: M. Sc. Economics, Diploma Course language: English Examination: tba. ECTS-Credits: 5 Course description: The lecture is designed to be an introduction to the relation between demography and economics. It attempts to impart an understanding of the behaviour of human populations by describing carefully the basic measures, models and observation procedures. The study of population processes implies a plenty of information for regional economic development e. g. with regard to labour and housing market. Contact person: Prof. Dr. Paul Gans, Tel. 181-1963, E-Mail: paulgans[at]uni-mannheim.de, L 7, 3-5, room P 029; Tuesday 16.00 - 17.00</p>				

Entrepreneurship in the Region

Blockseminar

2st.

Hasse, S.

Einzel	Do	08:30 - 13:00	07.04.2011-07.04.2011	Ort wird noch bekannt gegeben / tba.
Einzel	Fr	08:30 - 13:00	08.04.2011-08.04.2011	L 9, 1-2 002
Einzel	Sa	08:30 - 13:00	09.04.2011-09.04.2011	L 9, 1-2 002

Course title: Entrepreneurship in the Region

Instructor: Stefanie Hasse (Chair Prof. Gans)

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

Course level: Bachelor and Diploma

Course language: English or German, depending on participants

Prerequisites: none

Examination: Seminar paper, presentation, attendance and active participation

ECTS Credits: 4 (Bachelor) or 6 (Diploma)

Course description: Why do some regions become vital centers of entrepreneurial activity while others languish? The importance of entrepreneurship as a factor in the creation of both individual and regional wealth has recently generated considerable interest. Successful regions were not transformed overnight just due to a single breakthrough idea. The transformation has often been possible only because a blend of intangibles - novel ideas, enterprising individuals, networks, a culture of risk taking, - have come together with tangibles such as seed capital to produce transformative business ideas. The seminar will cover topics to research exactly these soft and hard factors which determine the specific intensity of business start-ups among regions. The seminar will be organized as a block seminar. At the beginning of the semester a list of topics can be found on the homepage. Each topic shall be assigned to one student.

Contact: Stefanie Hasse, E-Mail: Stefanie.hasse[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room P031.

III. Updates

Panel data methods and related topics				
Vorlesung und Übung	2st.			Tripathi, G.
wtl	Do	14:30 - 15:45	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 P 043
wtl	Do	16:00 - 17:00	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 158
<p>Course title: Panel data methods and related topics Instructor: Prof. Gautam Tripathi, Ph.D. Offered: Spring term 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + tutorial (1) Course level: Bachelor Course language: English Examination: written, 90 min. ECTS-Credits: 6</p> <p>Course description: The objective of this course is to familiarize students with panel data methods and related techniques that are widely used in modern empirical research. The required text for this course is "Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach" (4th ed) by Jeffrey Wooldridge and we will focus on chapters 13 through 17. Topics to be covered include panel methods for policy analysis using the fixed effects and random effects estimators, instrumental variables and the two stage least squares estimator, identifying and estimating simultaneous equations models, logit and probit estimators for binary choice models, conditional logit for panel data, and models for censoring and truncation. Most problem sets will require the students to use the econometric package Stata.</p> <p>Contact person: Prof. Gautam Tripathi, Ph.D., Tel. 181-1785, E-mail: GTXMWTNT[at]gmail.com</p>				

E501 Microeconometrics				
Vorlesung und Übung	4st.			Frölich, M.
wtl	Do	12:00 - 13:30	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 031
wtl	Do	12:00 - 13:30	17.02.2011-02.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 158
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wtl	Fr	13:45 - 15:15	18.02.2011-03.06.2011	L 7, 3-5 158
<p>Course title: E501 Microeconometrics Instructor: Prof. Dr. Markus Frölich Offered: Spring term 2011 Method (hours per week): lecture (3) + computer tutorial (1) Course level: Master and Diploma (also PhD admitted) Course language: English Prerequisites: Grundlagen der Ökonometrie, mindestens ein weiterer Ökonometrikurs Examination: written, 135 minutes ECTS-Credits: 8 (Diploma) or 9.5 (Master) Course description: This course covers PARAMETRIC models for the analysis of microeconomic data as common in analysis of household data, marketing, firm data etc. (It is complementary to the course Treatment effects, which will be entirely nonparametric.) Students are expected to read the following chapters Wooldridge (2002): Econometric analysis of cross section and panel data (Chapter 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 12, 14). Computer tutorials with Stata complement the lectures. Contact person: Prof. Dr. Markus Frölich, e-Mail Sekretariat: anja.schott[at]uni-mannheim.de, L7, 3-5, room 107, phone 181-1845</p>				

Microeconomic Applications

Vorlesung und Übung 3st.

Väänänen, L. / Peitz, M.

wtl Do 13:45–15:15 17.02.2011-02.06.2011 L 7, 3-5 P 044

Course title: Microeconometric Applications

Instructors: Prof. Dr. Martin Peitz, Lotta Väänänen

Prerequisites: Microeconomics A&B, Basic Econometrics

Offered: Spring 2011

Method (hours per week): lecture (2) + computer tutorials (1)

Examination: Final exam, 90 minutes (70%) and homework exercises (30%)

Course schedule: Thursday (weekly), 13:45-15:15 h

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

ECTS-Credits: 6

Course description: The course focuses on empirical applications of microeconometric methods with cross-sectional and panel data. It complements the course Applied Microeconometrics with Stata by focusing on the application of methods to specific research problems, giving students practical guidance on how to approach empirical research in economics. Starting from a research question, we discuss econometric issues related to the identification of the causal effect, what estimators to use and why, and what data and measurement issues are involved. The applications covered include questions in labor economics (e.g. wage equations, labor force participation, unemployment program evaluation), as well as questions in industrial organization (e.g. firm growth, production functions, demand), and we work with cross-sectional and panel data sets on individuals and firms. Textbook: A. C. Cameron and P. K. Trivedi, Microeconometrics Using Stata. Stata Press, 2009.

Office hours: Wednesday, 15:00-16:00 h.

Contact person: Lotta Väänänen (lottavaan[at]googlemail.com), phone: 181-1877.

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Business Cycles and Financial Markets

Blockseminar 2st.

Jung, P.

Einzel Fr 16:00–18:00 25.02.2011-25.02.2011

Einzel Fr 10:00–20:00 20.05.2011-20.05.2011

Einzel Sa 10:00–20:00 21.05.2011-21.05.2011

Location tba.

Course title: Business Cycles and Financial Markets

Instructor: Prof. Philip Jung, Ph.D.

Method: Block-Seminar

Course level: Bachelor

Course language: English

Prerequisites: Interest in Macroeconomics

Examination: seminar paper, presentation and active participation

ECTS-Credits: 4

Course description: The seminar will study business cycle theories with special emphasize on (financial) and labor market frictions. We will look into recent attempts to explain the crises and discuss the arguments in light of modern business cycle theory and recent empirical findings.

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