Welcome!
Info Session MSc Economics

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## Curriculum MSc Economics

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<th>Semester</th>
<th>Track A (Fast Track to a PhD)</th>
<th>Track B (Specialisation) or Track C (Generalisation)</th>
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<td><strong>1st Semester</strong></td>
<td>All 3 compulsory modules from the subject area Quantitative Economics:</td>
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<td>(30 ECTS)</td>
<td>- Advanced Econometrics (10 ECTS)</td>
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<td>On application, 1 compulsory module can be deferred to the 3rd semester.</td>
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<td><strong>2nd Semester</strong></td>
<td>Modules to the value of 30 ECTS, comprising courses totalling 24 ECTS and 1 seminar à 6 ECTS, from the following optional subject areas:</td>
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<td>Students wishing to major in a subject area must take the 2 compulsory modules, 2 optional modules and 1 seminar from the selected subject area.</td>
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<td><strong>3rd Semester</strong></td>
<td>3 modules (courses) from the Doctoral Programmes à 10 ECTS, including 2 of the following modules:</td>
<td>Track B students, majoring in a subject area, must take the 2 compulsory modules, 2 optional modules and 1 seminar from the selected subject area.</td>
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<td><strong>4th Semester</strong></td>
<td>1 module (course) from the Doctoral Programmes à 10 ECTS. Master’s thesis (20 ECTS, 3 months).</td>
<td>Master’s thesis (30 ECTS, 4 months). For Track B students, majoring in a subject area, the Master’s thesis must be from the selected subject area.</td>
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Track B

- You can gain any of the five specializations, which will be indicated on your final degree certificate: Econometrics and Applied Economics, International Financial Economics, Macroeconomics and International Economics, Microeconomics and Decision Making, Public Economics
- Semester 2&3: each 24 ECTS from courses and 6 ECTS from a seminar
- To gain the specialization you need to take the two compulsory courses of the specialization area, as well as two elective courses from the area
- One of your two seminars needs to be in your specialization area, as well as your Master’s thesis
Track B Mandatory Courses

Mandatory courses for the different specializations are listed on the MSc Economics Website

Econometrics an Applied Economics:
- Applied Time Series Analysis (summer semester)
- Statistical Learning (summer semester 2023)

International and Financial Economics
- Risk Management (summer semester)
- Portfolio Management (winter semester)

Macroeconomics and International Economics
- Advanced Macroeconomics II (summer term)
- International Monetary Economics (summer term)
Track B Mandatory Courses

Microeconomics and Decision Making
- Advanced Microeconomics II (summer semester)
- Behavioral Economics (winter semester)

Public Economics
- Labor Economic (summer semester 2023)
- Pick one additional out of the following: Labor Economics I (if offered summer semester), Labour Markets and Inequality (winter semester), Economics of Education (winter semester), Political Economy (if offered)
Track C

- Track, which gives you the most freedom to follow your own interests
- No specialization on your degree certificate
- Semester 2 & 3: each 24 ECTS from courses and 6 ECTS from a seminar from any specialization area
- Master’s thesis in any subject area of the MSc Economics
Track A

- Does not lead to a PhD automatically
- Is most interesting if you are likely going to do your PhD in Konstanz or if you are very keen on studying on a PhD level
- You can gain a specialization as well, same conditions apply as in Track B
- Semester 2: 24 ECTS from courses and 6 ECTS from a seminar
- Semester 3: 3 courses from the Doctoral Programme (10 ECTS each); at least two of the following courses: Topics in Advanced Econometrics, Topics in Advanced Microeconomics, Topics in Advanced Macroeconomics
- Semester 4: 1 course of the Doctoral Programme and Master’s thesis
Choosing your track

When and how do I choose my track?

The latest time to choose your track is when you register for your Master’s thesis. Exception, if you would like to study in Track A, please indicate this at the beginning of the second semester.

However, be aware that by choosing your courses you are making a decision already. You cannot gain a specialization, when you do not have the courses.

Form to choose your track on website: Declaration of your selected study track
Where to find your courses

Course Catalogue in ZEuS!

Courses you can take which do not count towards your degree (Interdisciplinary Programmes in ZEuS):

- Language Courses

- Transferable Skill Courses
Course registration

Please note that you have to register for all courses you would like to take via ZEuS (seminars are excluded)

- Finish the registration before you attend a session
- You will be added to the Ilias folder once you have registered via ZEuS
- The **registration period is 4 April (9am) until 25 April 2022**
- First come, first served
- The course registration is not an exam registration!
- You can find an explanation on how to register for courses in the ZEuS Wiki
Retaking exams

- You have to register for all the exams you would like to take in the second or third semester.
- The exception: We will register you for seminars.
- If you failed a course in the elective area or did not attend due to illness, you are required to retake it. As soon as the course is offered again, you will be registered automatically for the exam. If the course is not offered again, you are free to choose another course.
- Once during your studies you are allowed to put in a request not to retake an exam you failed and instead choose another course.
- You are only allowed to fail an exam once. If you fail an exam twice, you have to put in a request to the examination board for a third try. It is only possible to request this twice during your studies.
Exam registration

How to register an exam via ZeuS?

Find the explanation [here in the ZEuS Wiki](#).
Important resources

Helpful Websites and Documents:

- Examination regulations
- Website of the Department
- Specifically MSc Economics

Important Dates of the semester:

- Website Examination Office
Links to some services of the university:

- **Career Service** for work experience positions and job opportunities
- **Central Student Advisory Service**: Advice on how to study or if you have motivational problems or exam anxiety
- **#not alone**: contacts for several support services, e.g. if you struggle with loneliness, depression, financial problems …
Thank you!

We wish you a good start!

For questions please contact:

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