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>
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<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>
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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). If majoring in a subject area, the Master’s thesis must be from the selected subject area.</td>
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*Note: ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer System.*
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)
- Machine Learning (summer semester 2021)

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

Macroeconomics and International Economics
- Advanced Macroeconomics II
- International Monetary Economics
Track B Mandatory Courses

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

**Public Economics**
- Public Economics (summer semester)
- Pick one additional out of the following: Labor Economics I (summer semester), Automation, Globalization, and Inequality (previously Labor Economics II, winter semester), Economics of Education (currently winter semester), Political Economy (if offered in the summer term)
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.

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!

Short pdf version on MSc Economics Website

Almost all courses in the summer term 2021 will be taught online. The exception are a few seminars. Be careful! Exams will still be mostly held on campus!

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

- Language Courses
- Transferable Skill Courses
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, 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.
Example exam registration

How to register an exam via ZeuS?
Important resources

Helpful Websites and Documents:

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

Important Dates of the semester:

- Website Examination Office
- Exam registration period (for April exams): last day of registration today!
- Please keep in mind that although most teaching is online, exams are still planned to be held at the university!
The summer term 2021

Generally: Studying in times of Covid-19

- Please be aware of the hygiene regulations of the university.
- You are only allowed to enter the university campus, if you are having a lecture which is held on-site, have another appointment with invitation, have reserved a seat in the library or a getting/returning books.
- Almost all teaching will be online.
- Please be aware that you must not enter the university, if
  - You have symptoms of Covid-19
  - Had contact to a person who is infected with Covid-19
  - If you entered from a risk area (defined by the German state)
- When entering the university: you have to scan the barcode of your student ID!
- General informationen:
  - Via the Newsletter Einblick or other e-mails
  - FAQs of the University (current regulations)
- Please contact people at the department via e-mail and digital office hours
Links to some services of the university:

- **Career Service** for work experience positions and job opportunities
- **Reserving a seat in the library**
- **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!

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