## Module title

**Business Cycles and Stabilization Policy**

## Abbreviation

12-Konj1-F-072-m01

## Module coordinator

holder of the Chair of Monetary Policy and International Economics

## Module offered by

Faculty of Business Management and Economics

## ECTS

5

## Method of grading

numerical grade

## Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

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## Duration

1 semester

## Module level

undergraduate

## Other prerequisites

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## Contents

The course will introduce students to the theory of business cycle dynamics. Capitalist based economies are subject to pronounced cycles of economic booms and busts. In this course, we will find out why! Kicking off the lecture, we will look at some stylised empirical facts of business cycles. Afterwards, we will give a structural interpretation, focusing in particular on housing and asset markets and their role for the business cycle. We will also take a closer look at investment, one of the main cycle-makers. Afterwards, we will ask the question of how monetary and fiscal policy can safeguard the business cycle. Special attention will be given to the euro area. We will also invite an expert to give a practical introduction to business cycle indicators.

## Intended learning outcomes

The course offers an introduction into a vast array of analytical tools. Students

(i) are exposed to 1st and 2nd order difference equations and learn how to solve them;
(ii) learn how business cycle indicator are constructed;
(iii) are supplied with up to date knowledge on the interaction of business cycles, asset markets and economic policy which enables them to critically access contemporaneous policy.

## Courses

(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

## Method of assessment

(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

## Allocation of places

Number of places: 50. Uniform regulations governing the restriction of the number of places are laid down in the FSB (subject-specific provisions) regarding Section 7 Subsection 4.

## Additional information

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## Referred to in LPO I

(examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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## Module appears in

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Management and Economics (2007)