

Module description

Module title					Abbreviation	
Seminar: Labour Economics					12-LES-242-m01	
Module coordinator				Module offered by		
Holder	of the	Chair of Labor Econom	ics	Faculty of Business Management and Economics		
ECTS	Meth	od of grading	Only after succ. cor	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)		
5	nume	rical grade				
Duration		Module level	Other prerequisites	Other prerequisites		
1 semester		undergraduate				
Conter	nts	•	`			

This course provides an introduction into modern labor economics. The lecture will cover the following three core topics:

- I. Structure of the labor market
- 1. Labor supply
- 2. Labor demand
- 3. Labor market equilibrium

The objective of this part is to provide an understanding of the determinants of labor supply and labor demand and how they match and finally reach an equilibrium. This also implies studying the design and effects of policy interventions in order to combat inefficiencies.

- II. Wage formation
- 4. Human capital formation
- 5. Compensating wage differentials
- 6. Discrimination
- 7. Wage structure and inequality

The objective of the second part to investigate the different determinants of wages and to understand the reasons (justified or unjustified) why some people earn more than others.

III. Unemployment

The third and last part of the lecture deals with one of the biggest challenges to policy makers: unemployment.

Intended learning outcomes

Participants will be familiarized with the core theoretical models of modern labor economics and the basic methods of modern empirical labor economics. As such the course will be divided into two parts: the lecture where the theory is taught as well as the exercise class which are "hands on" sessions in order to be able to conduct an economic analysis both theoretically as well as empirically.

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

Module taught in: German and/or English

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

term paper (approx. 15 pages) and presentation (approx. 15 minutes), weighted 3:2

Assessment offered: in the semester in which the course is offered

Language of assessment: German and/or English

creditable for bonus

Allocation of places

5 places. WB4: Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows:



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- (1) Bachelor's students of Wirtschaftswissenschaft (Business Management and Economics) (BSc with 180 ECTS credits) will be given preferential consideration.
- (2) The remaining places will be allocated to students of other subjects.
- (3) When places are allocated in accordance with (1) and (2) and the number of applications exceeds the number of available places, places will be allocated by lot among applicants from this group.
- (4) A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.

Additional information

Workload

150 h

Teaching cycle

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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 Information Systems (2024)

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Economathematics (2024)

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Management and Economics (2024)

Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Business Management and Economics (Minor, 2024)

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