

Module title		Abbreviation
Economic Geography		12-M-EG-161-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of International Macroeconomics		Faculty of Business Management and Economics
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>Description: The course covers the determinants of economic activity in space: basics of urban and regional economics; the origins of the new economic geography and model tools involving mobile labour and mobile capital; applications to trade, tax and regional policy issues are examined and the empirics of agglomeration and trade are discussed.</p> <p>Outline of syllabus: 1. Introduction 2. Economic activity in space: basics 3. From the new trade theory to the new economic geography 4. The core-periphery model and beyond 5. The footloose-capital model and applications 6. Housing, welfare and regional policy 7. The empirics of agglomeration and trade 8. Policy issues 9. Where to go from here?</p> <p>Reading: The course uses a combination of textbooks and journal articles. The main textbooks used are: Brakman, W., H. Garretsen and Ch. van Marrewijk, 2009, The New Introduction to Geographical Economics, Cambridge University Press. Baldwin, R., R. Forslid, P. Martin, G. Ottaviano and F. Robert-Nicoud, 2003, Economic Geography and Public Policy, Princeton. Combes, P.P., Th. Mayer and J.F. Thisse, 2008, Economic Geography. The Integration of Regions and Nations, Princeton University Press. Fujita, M., P.R. Krugman and A.J. Venables, 1999, The Spatial Economy, MIT Press. Krugman, P.R., 1991, Geography and Trade, MIT Press.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students acquire a knowledge of the forces which determine the allocation of economic activity in space and they learn to apply fundamental models of agglomeration to understand and analyze policy issues involving trade, taxation and regional policy questions both analytically and in an economic intuitive way.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
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Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (approx. 60 to 90 minutes) or b) term paper (approx. 15 pages) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Economathematics (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Business Management (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) International Economic Policy (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) China Language and Economy (2016)