

Module title		Abbreviation
Economic Geography		12-M-EG-161-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Holder of the Chair of International Economics		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><u>Content</u></p> <p>The lecture starts with a brief motivation of the core issues and a short overview over key forces driving the allocation of economic activity in space. The main parts of the lecture cover the functioning and evolution of cities and city systems, and the economic geography of regions and countries.</p> <p>I Motivation and Facts</p> <p>II Location Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forces Shaping the Location of Economic Activity in Space - Some Intellectual Background <p>III Urban and Regional Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Spatial Structure of Cities - City Systems <p>III New Economic Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the New Trade Theory to the New Economic Geography - Footloose Capital Model and Policy Applications - Core Periphery Models and Policy Applications - Empirics <p><u>Literature:</u></p> <p>The course uses a combination of textbooks and journal articles. Articles from the Handbook of Urban and Regional Economics (current and previous volumes) are heavily used. Useful books are:</p> <p>Brakman, W., H. Garretsen and Ch. van Marrewijk, 2009, The New Introduction to Geographical Economics, Cambridge University Press</p> <p>Baldwin, R., R. Forslid, P. Martin, G. Ottaviano and F. Robert-Nicoud, 2003, Economic Geography and Public Policy, Princeton, 2003</p> <p>Combes, P.P, Th. Mayer and J.F. Thisse, 2008, Economic Geography. The Integration of Regions and Nations, Princeton University Press</p> <p>Fujita, M., P.R. Krugman and A.J. Venables, 1999: The Spatial Economy, MIT Press</p>		

Fujita, M. and J.-F. Thisse (2013). Economics of Agglomeration. Cities, Industrial Location and Regional Growth. Cambridge University Press.

Krugman, P.R., 1991, Geography and Trade, MIT Press

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 cities, city systems and of regional agglomerations to understand and analyze policy issues involving local, regional and international 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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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

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)