

Modul	e title				Abbreviation
Theory of Industrial Organization 1					12-M-Tl1-141-m01
Module coordinator				Module offered by	
holder	of the	Chair of Industrial Econo	mics	Faculty of 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

Theory of industrial organisation:

- 1. Monopoly pricing
- Nonlinear pricing and mechanism design
- Dynamic pricing: experience goods, durable goods
- 2. Oligopoly pricing
- Static price and quantity competition in homogeneous and differentiated goods markets
- Comparative statics
- Equilibrium market structure
- 3. Dynamic competition in oligopoly markets
- Repeated games and collusion
- Markov perfect equilibrium and models of dynamic competition
- 4. Strategic behaviour by incumbent firms
- Entry deterrence and predation
- Signalling and reputation
- 5. Auctions
- Second price auctions
- First price auctions
- 6. Advertising and product design

The course will be taught in English.

Intended learning outcomes

Students which complete this class will acquire a working knowledge of advanced theoretical models of competition in oligopoly markets as well as sophisticated pricing techniques in monopoly markets. They will learn the conditions under which the predictions of these models are valid. They will become familiar with applications of advanced game theoretic tools, such as dynamic models of competition and auction theory, for studying interactions between firms in markets. By means of comprehensive exercises, they will apply the methods they learn in class to practically relevant problems. They will be in a position to read academic papers on related topics, assess the strengths and weaknesses of approach, summarize and comment on these papers and suggest possible extensions.

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) written examination (questions concerning mathematical methodology; approx. 120 minutes) or c) term paper (approx. 15 to 20 pages)
Language of assessment: German, English

creditable for bonus

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Module description

Workload			
Teaching cycle			
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)			
Module appears in			
Master's degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2014)			
Master's degree (1 major) Business Management (2014)			
Master's degree (1 major) Economics (2014)			

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