Module title: Theory of Industrial Organization 2  
Abbreviation: 12-M-TI2-161-m01

Module coordinator: holder of the Chair of Industrial Economics  
Module offered by: Faculty of Business Management and Economics

ECTS: 5  
Method of grading: numerical grade  
Only after succ. compl. of module(s): --

Duration: 1 semester  
Module level: graduate  
Other prerequisites: --

Contents

Description: This course discusses vertical contracts in supply chains and their impact on competition.

Outline of syllabus:
1. The classic problem of double marginalisation and its solution by nonstandard contracts (resale price maintenance, nonlinear pricing (rebates), exclusive territories, exclusive dealing etc.)
2. Contracts for service
3. Common agency
4. The delegation principle
5. The commitment problem
6. Interlocking relationships
7. Foreclosure by vertical contracts or mergers

Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course students are able to
(i) explain the results of theoretical industrial economics on vertical contracts;
(ii) apply the involved methods to given simple examples on their own;
(iii) recognize, in which real life situations (and how) the results can be applied;
(iv) analyze the impact of certain vertical contracts on competition.

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 120 minutes) or b) term paper (approx. 15 to 20 pages)
Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered
Language of assessment: German and/or English creditable for bonus

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)