

Module title		Abbreviation
Macroeconomics 1		12-Mak1-G-152-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	undergraduate	--
Contents		
<p><u>Content</u></p> <p>The course covers basic macroeconomic relationships, the explanation of employment, production, the interest rate, the current and capital accounts, nominal and real exchange rates, the price level and inflation both for the long-run where wages and prices are flexible and for the short-run which is characterized by nominal rigidities. The course teaches concepts which are of key importance in the globalized environment (e.g. interest rate arbitrage, purchasing power parity). These concepts are applied to current research questions (e.g. trade deficits, issues pertaining to the Euro-Zone, developments such as the great recession or the Covid-recession).</p> <p><u>Outline</u></p> <p>Key Macroeconomic Issues and Variables</p> <p>1 Macroeconomics – the key issues</p> <p>2 Measuring economic activity</p> <p>The economy in the long-run</p> <p>3 The classical model: closed economy</p> <p>4 Money and inflations</p> <p>5 The classical model: open economy</p> <p>6 Unemployment</p> <p>The economy in the short-run</p> <p>7 An introduction to fluctuations</p> <p>8 IS-LM-Model: closed economy</p> <p>9 IS-LM-Model: open economy</p> <p>10 Aggregate Supply and the Phillips-Curve</p> <p><u>Literature:</u></p> <p>Recent editions of:</p> <p>Gregory Mankiw: Macroeconomics</p> <p>Olivier Blanchard and David H. Johnson, Macroeconomics Prentice Hall</p> <p>Michael Burda and Charles Wyplosz: Macroeconomics. A European Text.</p> <p>The course develops several case studies where further references are used.</p>		

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students acquire the ability to critically understand key macroeconomic trends and developments such as the factors explaining production, employment and unemployment, and inflation. They are enabled to understand and defend the causes and consequences of the evolution of macroeconomies and of macroeconomic policies both analytically as well as in an intuitive manner. They acquire the scientific knowledge to evaluate macroeconomic issues and controversies (e.g. the trade deficit, unemployment, monetary policies, minimum wages).

**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)

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)  
Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

840 places.  
(1) No restrictions with regard to available places for Bachelor's students of Wirtschaftswissenschaft (Business Management and Economics) (BSc with 180 ECTS credits), Wirtschaftsmathematik (Mathematics for Economics) (BSc with 180 ECTS credits), Wirtschaftsinformatik (Business Information Systems) (BSc with 180 ECTS credits) as well as Bachelor's students with the minor Wirtschaftswissenschaft (Business Management and Economics) (60 ECTS credits). (2) The remaining places will be allocated to students of other subjects. (3) When places are allocated in accordance with (2) and the number of applications exceeds the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the following quotas: a) Quota 1 (50 % of places): total number of ECTS credits already achieved in the respective degree subject; among applicants with the same number of ECTS credits achieved, places will be allocated by lot. b) Quota 2 (25 % of places): number of subject semesters of the respective applicant; among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. c) Quota 3 (25 % of places): lottery.

**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**

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematics (2015)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Management and Economics (2015)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Economathematics (2015)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2015)  
Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2016)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2016)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Economathematics (2017)  
Master's degree (1 major) China Business and Economics (2019)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2019)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Management and Economics (2019)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2020)